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For one man, time away from home was worth it

► Frederic man played important role in Operation Enduring Freedom

by Robert Hayes
Army & Air Force
Hometown News Service

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — A year after the United States began its military operation to free Afghanistan from the Taliban's oppressive rule, the son of a Frederic woman continues to play an important role in helping to keep American service members safe in a still dangerous land.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. William Thompson, son of Laura Thompson of Frederic, is deployed to this isolated, dust-ridden outpost in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He and the more than 4,000 other service members deployed to this former Soviet air base work in a wide variety of jobs, ranging from construction engineers to helicopter crew members.

Thompson works on base as the chief supply and logistics supervisor for the base.

"I'm in charge of making sure the base is supplied with its needed supplies — everything from food to vehicle parts," said Thompson.

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Photos by Derrick C. Goode

Under the supervision of Sgt. Maj. William Thompson, U.S. service members unpack their gear after returning from a combat patrol in Afghanistan. American servicemen constantly patrol the perimeter of the Bagram Air Base to identify any potential threat to the base and its populace.

Community donations help make toy drive best ever

► About 1,300 toys, \$1,200 donated to local Toys for Tots

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Just when Marianne Gosnell thought she may have to dip into her Toys for Tots account to help make up for projected shortages, the community came through in a tremendous way, filling collection boxes with about 1,300 toys and making monetary donations of \$1,193 just in time for the 2002 Christmas toy distribution.

Gosnell said she has been very frugal since the Crawford County Toys for Tots program began four years ago, making sure she is never short of gifts for local kids in need. She has very little overhead because the national campaign provides her with posters, letterhead, collection boxes and supplemental toys and she refuses to accept the mileage reimbursement offered by the Marine Corps. She is a true volunteer.

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County seeks new environmentalist

► Headed for the U.P., Monitor Merrill may prove hard to replace

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After more than five years serving as Crawford County's chief environmental watchdog, Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill is heading north to the Upper Peninsula.

Merrill has accepted a dual position in Ironwood with Gogebic County as its Community Development Coordinator and Economic Development Corporation director. He is scheduled to leave Crawford County on January 17 and begin in Ironwood just three days later.

Merrill officially informed the County Board of Commissioners on December 18 of his departure. The Board agreed it could not match the substantial pay increase and benefits Merrill will receive in Ironwood.

"We really regret we can't pay Pat (Merrill) more," County Chairman Scott Hanson said. "But, there just isn't any additional funds to keep him here. It is a shame we are losing a very talented and dedicated person."

Gogebic County is about to gain a very valuable asset."

Hanson said Merrill literally created the position of Environmental Monitor when he was hired over five years ago as a result of a lawsuit concerning the local landfill. Merrill's job was to monitor activity at the landfill and address other environmental issues in the county.

Since his hiring, Merrill has worked with Grayling Township and others to create and manage an award-winning recycling program. He developed and has made successful an annual Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire collection day to help eliminate dumping in local wooded areas and rivers.

Merrill has served as Chairman of the award-winning Emergency Planning Committee, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Perhaps his favorite project, one he hates to leave behind, is the Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project, of which he has served as chair since its inception three years ago. Phase I is now near completion, but the big project of restoring the Hatchery building will be left to

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United Way reaches half-way mark

Sixteen local agencies will benefit greatly from this year's Crawford County United Way campaign. Recent pledges from two of the county's largest employers have pushed contributions past the 50 percent mark of the \$60,000 goal.

Teresa Money, Community Liaison for Mercy Hospital Grayling said payroll deduction pledges added to hospital contributions will total just shy of \$9,000. Over 100 employees and medical staff members are participating. A separate donation will be given to the Roscommon County United Way.

"Mercy Hospital Grayling and our team of dedicated employees and medical staff are very pleased to support our local United Way campaigns that benefit so many in our community," Money said. "It's just one way we are able to give back to the communities we serve."

Weyerhaeuser Company will add approximately \$5,000 in combined employee payroll deductions, corporate matches and gifts.

"We are so pleased with these pledges and the generosity of businesses and their employees," said United Way President Linda Gohnick. "Receiving word of these contributions is



Photo by Linda Gohnick

Mercy Hospital Grayling's Community Liaison Teresa Money (left) and Weyerhaeuser's Human Resource Manager Chad Kelly are happy to add two more hearts to the United Way goal sign. Donations and grants from Weyerhaeuser and Mercy Hospital Grayling recently pushed the growing total past 50 percent.

quite a boost for the organization and all the agencies which benefit. Without this community support we couldn't help so many people."

To make a donation to the Crawford County United Way, mail a check or money order to: P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738. Donations are 100 per-

cent tax-deductible.

For more information on the local campaign, call (989) 344-9300 or e-mail: ccuw2002@yahoo.com.

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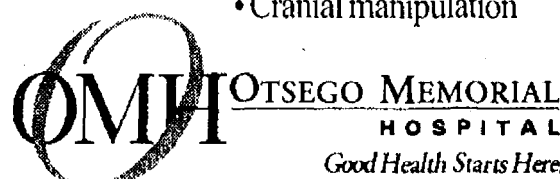
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Wieland recognized for years of service

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After four years serving as the Crawford County Commissioner for District #5, and many previous years in other governmental offices, Elizabeth Wieland has decided to say good-bye to public life.

"I certainly have enjoyed all the time I have spent in government work," Wieland said. "I am very happy to have had the opportunity to be of service to the people of this community."

Wieland said her decision not to seek re-election in 2002 was a tough one.

"There are still so many issues facing the county and community mental health, I kind of hate to leave."

Wieland, who has served as the County's Ways and Means Chairperson and has been very active as the liaison to North Central Community Mental Health (NCCMH) Board, said funding alone has been enough of a challenge in both instances. "We faced tough times, and there are more to come. We have to make sure there are enough services available for the people who need them most."



Crawford County Commissioner Elizabeth Wieland received a timepiece plaque from her colleagues upon her retirement from many years of public service on December 18.

At the County Board's regular meeting on December 18, Chairman Scott Hanson read into record a resolution prepared honoring Wieland's many years of public service, then presented her with a timepiece plaque and a framed copy of the resolution.

"Beth has served the people of Crawford County well for many years," Hanson said. "We have grown to depend on her fiscal expertise, level-headedness and dedication. We will miss her at the commissioners' table."

Wieland said serving as

County Commissioner, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, and Grayling Township Clerk has been a tremendous learning experience and allowed her to meet a lot of nice people along the way.

During her public service, Wieland has also played an active role with Youth Services, Northeast Michigan Consortium, Michigan Northern Counties, and Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) and more.

Wieland said serving in public office created limits on her time with family and friends because, she said, "Once I make a commitment to something, I have to give it my all."

In retirement, she looks forward to spending more time with her family and looks forward to seeing familiar faces "out on the slopes."

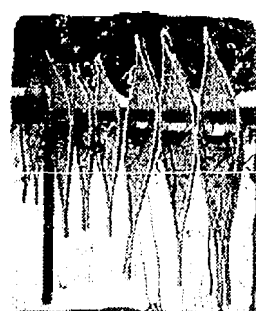
She added, "My husband, Mike, and I are still in pretty good health and there are some things we would still like to do before that all may change. I will miss the people I have been working with, and the challenges of the job, but now it is time to go."

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County seeks new environmentalist

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whoever fills Merrill's shoes.

Hanson said he feels it will be tough to find a replacement for Merrill in a short amount of time. The job calls for a community-minded individual with a Bachelor of Science degree in Solid Waste Management or an

environmental field, knowledge of Public Act 451, and the ability to work with many different people, including the public and government officials, on many ongoing projects at one time.

Merrill said he hopes the right candidate comes forward before he leaves for the U.P. to allow for

training.

If not, Merrill has agreed to help Crawford County on a contracted basis if needed.

"Even though I am leaving, I don't want to leave the county in the lurch," Merrill said. I have loved my time here -- it has been great. I see a bright future for

Crawford County, especially with the economic opportunities possible with Brownfield Redevelopment."

He added, "But I am ready for a change."

Applications are due January 7 by 3 p.m. to Controller Paul Compo, at the county building.

County Board to be sworn in this Thursday

Two new Crawford County Commissioners, along with five re-elected last fall, will take their oath of office at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, January 2 at the Courthouse on Michigan Avenue

in Grayling.

The public is welcome at this short ceremony.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore will perform the ceremony, call-

ing Harold Golnick, Shelley Pinkelman, Lynette Corlew, Scott Hanson, Dave Stephenson, Rick Anderson and Terry Beardslee to their elected seats on the County Board.

The annual organizational meeting will follow at 10 a.m., where the chairman and vice chairman are elected by the Board, as well as committee assignments are made.

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Old radio tower comes down

► After 65 years of service, State Police say good bye to landmark

At a special ceremony on December 17 in Houghton Lake, the Michigan State Police (MSP) and local community members bade farewell to a landmark radio tower that has stood in northern Michigan for over six decades.

The Houghton Lake Radio Tower was the final tower left standing from the 65-year old MSP radio system that was recently replaced by the new, state-of-the-art Michigan's Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS).

"The Houghton Lake tower was not only a landmark in the northern Michigan region, but was also a land-based lighthouse for motorists and boaters alike,"

said First Lieutenant David Mertz, commander of the MSP Houghton Lake Post.

"The landscape will certainly not be the same without the tower."

In 1929, the MSP established the first state police radio system in the country. When construction of a permanent Houghton Lake Post was authorized in 1936, plans included erection of the tower to augment the East Lansing Headquarters radio and serve as a relay point. It was the third tower built for the legacy system following East Lansing and Paw Paw.

Construction began in 1936 with sections of the tower being hauled from Saginaw by Northern Motor Express, a trucking company owned by local resident Lester Stuck. His son, Lee, who still lives at Houghton Lake accompanied his father on the transport.

Completed in 1937, and work-

ing just into the FM band, the Houghton Lake radio station was known as WRDH. At the time of its construction, the tower became famous, as it was the tallest tower for police broadcasting in the United States and, at 325 feet, the tallest point above sea level in Michigan.

The tower was also a critical component to MSP communications for decades. By ordering the flip of a toggle switch at the Houghton Lake Post, East Lansing could convey its radio signal to the Upper Peninsula. That switch remained operational at the front desk until the mid-1970s.

The 1940s-era communications system is being replaced with MPSCS, a statewide radio system that is open to all federal, state and local public safety agencies.

The new system is keeping Michigan on the threshold of cutting-edge technology. MPSCS is

not only one of the most technologically advanced communications systems in the nation, but is also the first network to provide true interoperability between all public safety agencies throughout the state.

Currently, there are 210 public safety agencies with more than 8,800 radios on the system including northern Michigan public safety agencies located in Alpena, Clare, Iosco, Manistee, Mason, Oceana, and Otsego counties.

Several other counties throughout Michigan, including eight in the Upper Peninsula, are also making plans to join the system in the near future. Even so, a piece of history has been laid to rest.

For more information on the old tower or the new MPSCS system, contact F/Lt. David Mertz of the Houghton Lake Post at (989) 422-5101 or e-mail: mertzdz@michigan.gov.

Local blood drive scheduled for January 8

► Red Cross says there is a demand for more Type "O" blood donors

A Crawford County Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, January 8 at the American Legion Hall on James Street in Grayling.

This drive is sponsored by Camp Grayling's M.A.T.E.S. personnel and will run from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m.

There is a great need for Type "O" blood at this time. Those with Type "O" blood, that can be used by people with any blood type, are strongly encouraged to donate at this time.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

During the Grayling High School blood drive held in November, the following people donated blood for the first time:

Regina Young, Ashlea Mitchell, Josh Messerschmidt, Jason Glicker, Matthew Strohpaul, Eric Hunter, Heather Merchant, Lucas Southard, Caleb Mead, Adam Kaiser, Michelle Belcher, Christina Strait, Travis Hatfield, Janelle Gregorich, Brandon Jacobs, Alonzo Carrothers, Monica Safin, Jennifer Rusiecki, Kimberly Hatfield, Kyle Malczyk, Danyelle Larson, Halie Phipps, Colleen Rogers, Adam Johns, Jacqueline Rais, Joshua

Jurkovich, Charles Woodman, Tyler Huber, Greg Warren, Kimberly McDaniel, Coleman Payne, Lori Ellis, Felicia Phillips, Roger Alvarez, Cheri Cole, Cody Myers, Carmen Hulbert, Sean Kelly, Tara Papendick, Kate Nickert, Joseph Zelek, Lance Harmer, Andrew Boardman, Jamie Zelek, Jesse Helsel, Charles McNamara, Samuel Crowell, Steven Hardy, Richard Saxton, Terrence Ryan, Jesse Van Slyke, Jason Gomez, Theodore Pavey, Shawn Weatherly, Justin Fissette, James Kenney, Frank Tody, Shawn Gabriel, Angelique Adair, and Matthew Seager.

Also at the high school, donor pins were awarded: Three Gallons - Arthur Thayer; Four

Gallons - Ryan Rondo.

At the Type "O" Drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Lawrence Ostrowski donated for the first time and Jeffery Branch was awarded a One Gallon pin.

At the Hard Bodyz Drive, Joseph Ferrigan and Billie Fox donated for the first time. One Gallon pins were awarded to Thomas Drouillard and Mark Gingerick, while a Five Gallon pin was issued to Timothy Swope.

At the Frederic Drive, first time donors were Jason Thayer, Shannon Hohl, Sabrina Fenske and Nancy McLachlan. Five Gallon pins were awarded to Agnes Trudgeon and Shirley Schmooch.

Closing of Oscoda pound expected to affect shelter

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A recent article in the Oscoda Herald announced its county dog pound was scheduled to close December 31, leaving Oscoda County officials looking for a new place to house its homeless dogs.

"Things are only going to get worse for us," said Dixie Lobsinger, Manager and Vice President of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County in Grayling. "For years I have

been encouraging the people in Oscoda County to build a shelter because many of their stray animals end up at our shelter where at least they are given a chance to find a new home. Now even more of their animals will end up in Crawford County, putting even more of a strain on our shelter and its budget."

Lobsinger said there is no real effort to find homes for Oscoda's homeless dogs. Most are disposed of, with only a few

picked up by rescue groups each year.

According to the Herald article, the pound is privately owned by Damien Lunning, who told the Herald, he is tired of "flatlanders" and that is the reason he is closing his doors after about 30 years of operation. County officials are now considering sending its strays to Standish.

Lobsinger said Lunning handles no cats and, compared to the Animal Shelter of Crawford

County's numbers, about one-tenth of the amount of dogs.

Lunning has never had a contract with Oscoda County, but in the past year the county has paid him just a little over \$2,000 for "dog disposal and pick-up fees" so far in 2002.

The Oscoda County Board of Commissioners is now accepting proposals for the establishment of a dog pound facility, but until it becomes a reality, the Board will have to find an alternative.

Community donations help make toy drive best ever

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For Christmas 2002, Gosnell said her numbers aren't all in quite in yet, but through the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center alone, at least 512 children were served by Toys for Tots, each receiving two large toys and two stocking stuffers.

"Because of the generosity of our community, we surpassed our original goal to provide each child in need with at least one large toy and one stocking stuffer.

The response was wonderful and very heartwarming," Gosnell said. "It made for a very merry Christmas for the kids and their parents, who want so much to make the holiday a happy one."

In addition, the Help Center's other holiday programs served at least 200 families with children, 12 families with no children, and 27 families -- the most ever -- were "adopted" by local citizens and provided a Christmas meal and gifts. "This community put smiles on a lot of faces this

Christmas."

Gosnell said the leftover funds will be kept safe in the Toys for

Tots account and will serve as seed money for the next campaign.



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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

BURNING FEET

Common in people over age 65, burning feet cause symptoms ranging from mild stinging to severe burning. Irritating fabrics or poorly fitting shoes can cause burning sensations, as can a skin reaction to poison ivy or other toxins. Fungal infections may also lead to burning symptoms. Burning feet may signal a more serious nerve or blood vessel disorder, so watch for burning that occurs with prickling sensations; weakness; or a change in leg sensation; or burning accompanied by nausea, diarrhea, incontinence, or impotence. Those with diabetes mellitus, a family history of burning feet, or persistent burning may be at greater risk for a nerve or blood vessel disorder. Always consult your doctor if you suspect such a condition.

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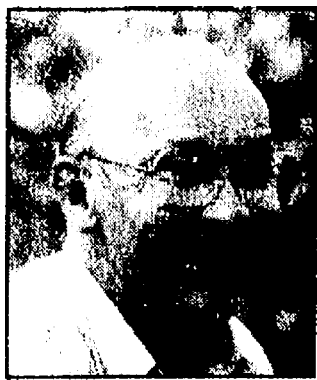
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Second Chance for Almanack's 2002 wit and wisdom

JUST IN CASE readers missed out the first time around, here's a second chance to review a smattering of wit and wisdom which appeared in *The Almanack* during the past year...

On promised tax cuts -- Should tax cuts take effect as planned, or be abandoned or delayed? I'm not an economist, but based on real life, the answer seems simple enough to me. When you desperately need more money, common sense tells you not to give away anything you already have.

On hunting mourning doves -- I'm one of those who delights in watching mourning doves raise their young near our kitchen window, and enjoy their company while I'm sipping coffee on our back porch. If hunters must shoot small birds, I agree with those who would send them crows, not doves. But I'm also

one who generally backs a scientific approach to game management. If the experts say let's hunt doves, it's okay with me. It's better to let the professionals make the decision than to entrust it to elected politicians, many of whom are under-informed on the issue and are eager only to please the interest groups which shout the loudest.

On elective university boards - Nominations to the education boards are made in a disgraceful system. They come at state political conventions and are at the bottom of the agenda -- after platform is adopted, after nominations for top offices -- in short after everything of significance is done. Much political horse trading often forms education tickets: Are there enough women on the ticket? How about minorities? What about geography? Are

there political promises party leaders can solve with a nomination? Can the party pay off a political debt? These are the questions that usually control nominations for education boards, not experience or other qualifications. That Michigan winds up with so many quality and dedicated board members is merely collateral and under-served benefit.

On campaign promises -- A campaign is a time for ideas -- for broad outlines as well as specific pet projects. It's a time to indicate priorities. And yes, it's a time for generalities and inspiration and the lofty phrase.... Any program any governor proposes is just an idea, until the details are filled in.... Once elected, reality sets in.... The most controlling reality, of course, is how much money is needed to do what the

new governor wants to do.

On corporate failures and executive buyouts -- Is the world upside down? Sometimes it seems that way. How can this year's graduates learn from our ongoing history of American business and find financial success in private enterprise? One way may be to run a company into bankruptcy -- and then get financially fat through the process. The penalty for failure, it seems, is personal riches.

On term limits -- While experience on the job can be important, it's also well to bear in mind that new folks come with credentials of their own, many earned in local government or private enterprise. They didn't just fall off a turnip truck.... The problems are daunting, but breakdown of the lawmaking process because of the departure of long

time members is most unlikely. Besides, a question comes to mind: Haven't they been running things while these problems developed? Maybe some new blood will be helpful. Maybe it's time for change.

On respect for the flag -- Remember the Pledge of Allegiance? Notice the Pledge does not stop after the first six words. The last five words are the most important. They promise "liberty and justice for all," even for those with whom we disagree, and whose expressions we find reprehensible. But then, that's the essence of America, isn't it?

On political debates -- "Debate" is a misleading term in political campaigning. They are joint appearances, not debates. Sometimes candidates discuss the same questions, sometimes

not. As for direct cross-confrontation, that very seldom occurs. Still political "debates" are better for voters than depending on TV spots or campaign brochures. The best way for voters to become informed still is to see and hear the candidates in person. Joint appearances, well covered by newspapers and TV or radio, can be an effective alternative.

On newspapers and politics -- I won't buy the complaint that nobody talks about issues, nobody covers what's really important in an election. Michigan newspapers do. They make the information available. The rest is up to the conscientious voter.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Between democracy and despotism

by Sidney Hook (1902-1989)

Professor Chester Finn reports that there are areas in this country in which American history is taught as a history of Indian oppression, as a history of the oppression of Blacks and Chicanos, as a history of the exploitation of immigrants, of the degradation of women and children. The whole history of America is sometimes presented to the minds of the young as a history of oppression which makes the present position of these oppressed groups incomprehensible. Much of what is said in this litany of horrors is, of course, true. But it only illustrates the fact that selected truths can be woven together to communicate a thunderously false tale. It is comparable to a survey of American social problems which, because of the indisputable presence of current problems, fails to mention that any has ever been adequately met.

Not infrequently when we protest misleading accounts, and even outright distortions, of American reality, we are accused of nationalism, of sacrificing the truth on the altar of a mindless

patriotism. But there are many ways of sacrificing the truth. One way is to insist that some special truth is the only truth there is. Not long ago, when I protested the unceasing propaganda in the classrooms of elementary schools about the horrors of a nuclear holocaust which was producing nightmares in sensitive children, I was taxed unfairly by some pacifists with denying that war is an evil. They were wrong. Not only do I believe that war is an evil, I believe it is always an evil. What is wrong is believing that war is the only evil, or that it is the worst. Were we to believe that, why would we have resisted Hitler or the Japanese warlords? Why would the Civil War have been fought? To the many truths that are relevant, here we must add the truth that often the will and ability to fight in defense of our freedoms is the best insurance against war...

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Why we need core curriculum for college students

by Lynne V. Cheney

A 1989 survey funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and conducted by the Gallup Organization showed 25 percent of the nation's college seniors unable to locate Columbus's voyage within the correct half-century. About the same percentage could not distinguish Churchill's words from Stalin's, or Karl Marx's thoughts from the ideas of the U.S. Constitution. More than 40 percent could not identify when the Civil War occurred. Most could not identify Magna Carta, the Missouri Compromise, or Reconstruction. Most could not link major works by Plato, Dante, Shakespeare, and Milton with their authors...

To the task of learning about oneself and the world, a required course of studies can bring needed order and coherence. At one midwestern university where there is no core, students choose from almost 900 courses, with topics ranging from the history of foreign labor movements to the analysis of daytime soap operas. The result is all too often "a meaningless mosaic of fragments," in naturalist Loren Eiseley's words. "From ape skull to Mayan temple," he wrote, "we contemplate the miscellaneous debris of time like sightseers to whom these mighty fragments, fallen gateways, and sunken galleys convey no present instruction." A core of learning shows the patterns of the mosaic. It provides a context for forming the parts of education into a whole.

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Idea fashions of eighties: After Marx, what?

by Tom Wolfe

In 1974, I attended a conference at a university in the Great Plains, a conference called "America in the Year 2000"... We were treated to a parade of speakers, each of whom filled in more dreadful details about American society... After 36 hours of this, it was all that I could do to bring myself to the last symposium in the conference, entitled, "The American Environment in the Year 2000." The prognosis was, as you might imagine, not altogether salutary. The first speaker was a young ecologist, who rose up and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I am not sure that I want to be alive in America in the year 2000." He looked pretty lively at the time. He was about 37, he had on a

magenta turtleneck disco jersey and a Madras jacket and a lot of other marvelous gear. The explanation of his dour prognosis was that due to the rape of the upper atmosphere by aerosol can users, a certain ion would no longer be able to come through the atmosphere to the earth, and this particular ion was indispensable for bone formation.

No more bone formation! Suddenly I had a vision that was worse than any that had come to me in the preceding 36 hours. I could see these marvelous women that I enjoyed watching walk down Lexington Avenue near where I live in New York City with their five-inch pyramid-heel, three-color, patent-leather, platform-soled shoes,

and their blue jeans smartly cleaving the declivities fore and aft, and I could suddenly picture them dissolving into blobs of patent leather and denim on the sidewalk, inching and suppurating along like amoebae. I could see the blind news dealer down at the corner of Lexington and Sixty-First Street trying to give change to a notions buyer from Bloomingdale's and their hands run together like fettuccine over a stack of *New York Posts*. It was worse than anything I had ever imagined in my life.

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Ethical Leadership

by General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

The true rewards of leadership come from striving to look up to a higher moral standard... Some people get into the "leadership game" for the next tangible reward - the next promotion, the next pay raise, the next headline. But these individuals are inevitably doomed to disappointment. At the end of the day, they

cannot point to these things and say that they are the stuff of which genuine happiness and pride are made. Good leaders sometimes -- in fact, quite often -- lose in the material world. They go fight ahead anyway, knowing that they are going to lose. Are they tilting at windmills? Do they have a "can't do"

instead of a "can do" attitude? Of course not. They are committed to defending the right values. And the right values are seldom safe, easy or advantageous.

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Wertz Warriors on the trails again

To the editor,

January 26, 2003 marks the 22nd year the Wertz Warriors leave Mt. Clemens on their snowmobile endurance ride to raise money for the benefit of Special Olympics of Michigan.

Vic Wertz, Detroit Tiger star and baseball Hall-of-Famer, gathered a group of friends together in 1982 with the intention of finding a way to support the Winter Program of Special Olympics. After many debates, they decided on a snowmobile endurance ride from Mt. Clemens to Mackinaw City. After the sudden death of Vic Wertz, his friends pledged to continue the annual ride and dedicate it to the memory of their friend.

The Wertz Warriors have ridden every year since, improving each year on the results of the previous year's donations.

Assuming weather cooperates, they will cover 900 miles of trails in an attempt to raise \$500,000 which will enable them to send over 1,100 athletes to the winter games. The games will once again be held at the Grand Traverse Resort outside of Traverse City, except for the ski events which will be held at Schuss Mountain.

Each rider must pledge to raise a minimum of \$3,000. They do this by having golf outings, spaghetti dinners, auctions, or just asking friends and family to contribute. On their endurance ride, they make about 30 stops collecting money from the good people of northern Michigan.

This year's honorary chairperson is Mark "The Bird" Fydrich. This will be Fydrich's 10th year riding with the Wertz Warriors.

I am sure that you are very aware that our past success is only possible because of your support. Your tax-deductible contributions will help to ensure that this year's ride will be the best yet.

Please share with me in the spirit of giving by sending your tax-deductible contribution payable to "Special Olympics of Michigan." Please remember Special Olympics of Michigan is a non-profit organization, supported entirely by private donations.

For more information or to make a donation, call Matt Giroux at (586) 438-3330 (cell phone) or the Wertz Warrior office at (586) 954-9770.

The Wertz Warrior Snowmobile Endurance Riders Mt. Clemens

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BRIEFS

Church plans all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling, invites everyone to a luncheon of hot and/or cold foods on Thursday, January 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your own sandwich, etc. Salad and dessert are included. Take-outs will be available. Cost is \$5 per person.

Local Shrine Club Dinner planned

Grayling Chapter #83 Order of the Eastern Star (OES) will be serving the Grayling Shrine Club Dinner on Monday, January 6 at 6 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge on Michigan Avenue (next to the Rialto Theatre) in Grayling. Masonic family and friends are invited. Cost is a donation of \$6. Call Jerry Gosnell at 348-8253 to make reservations. Also, the OES stated meeting is scheduled for January 8 at 7:30 p.m. and OES initiation is scheduled for January 15 at 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's food distribution site

The Crawford County Commission on Aging reports St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church's back parking lot will be the site of commodities food distribution on January 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 348-7123.

Sheriff to attend township meeting

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Grayling Township Board of Trustees' regular meeting on Wednesday, January 8 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to attend this meeting. Sheriff Wakefield will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions and comments.

Get involved with Project Graduation

Adult volunteers are needed to help with preparation and planning of the annual all-night party for Grayling High School graduates. Attend the next Project Graduation Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 8 at 7 p.m. at Grayling High School. For more information, call Michele Bugyi at 348-2816 after 6 p.m.

Band Boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Thursday, January 9 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School Band Room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School.

Learn about strategic college financing

Kurt Loll, the local Edward Jones investment representative, will host a free educational seminar on college planning next Tuesday at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, on Plum Street in Grayling.

Some of the subjects Loll will

be covering at 7 p.m., January 7 include: establishing savings goals, understanding savings options, comparing savings goals, examining investment choices, and exploring financial aid. For more information on the seminar or to reserve a seat, contact Loll at 348-6964.

Red Cross continues 'Pizza Day'

Help keep your local Red Cross ready to respond to local emergencies by enjoying a pizza.

On January 7, Little Caesar's restaurants will donate a dollar from each promotional pizza to support local Red Cross disaster relief. All proceeds will remain in northern Michigan.

Since November 1, there have been eight fires in northern Michigan impacting 22 people. Red Cross provides emergency food, shelter and clothing for disaster clients. The average aid

is valued at \$175 per person. This aid is an outright gift to the clients, made possible by the support of disaster fund-raising projects like Pizza Day.

Start the new year by helping neighbors who will benefit from support of this fund-raiser.

Participating Little Caesar's include those located in Grayling and Gaylord.

For details on the promotion or to learn how to help as a Red Cross volunteer, call 1-800-691-6059.

Special Olympics Winter Games slated for Jan. 17 near Boyne City

Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills, Inc., near Boyne City, will host the 2nd annual Special Olympics Winter Games on Friday, January 17.

Games are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and conclude around 3 p.m.

This year's games have brought in numerous new athletes, making the games more exciting, challenging, and rewarding, reported Sue Moody, Executive Director of Challenge Mountain. "Special Olympic athletes will be competing in numerous events, including downhill skiing, cross country, snow shoeing and more."

Following competition, a dance will be held for the physically and mentally challenged athletes.

Victories Casino has pledged its support to again cater the event.

"Volunteers are greatly needed for this event," Moody said. "The different types of volunteer

work needed are escorts, huggers, greeters, downhill skiers for on the venue, food serving, and more. Please consider giving a day of your time for this important event."

Mike Hurchick, Board President of Challenge Mountain, said, "It is with great pleasure that Challenge Mountain is able to support the athletes who participate in the Special Olympics. We are committed to the Winter Games for the present and future."

"The Challenge Mountain volunteers enjoy being involved and working with the Olympians. This is a perfect union for the mission of Challenge Mountain."

Everyone is invited to come out and cheer on the athletes and have a great time. For more information, directions, or to register as a volunteer, call Challenge Mountain at (231) 535-2141. Visit its web site at: www.challengemtn.org.

Agriculture marketing grants available

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant announced last week that federal matching funds are again available for the state's food and agriculture industry to enhance its marketing of agricultural products.

Funds are available under the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Marketing Service.

About \$1.3 million has been allocated for distribution nationwide. MDA administers FSMIP in Michigan.

"Developing and expanding markets is one key to improving the profitability of Michigan's family farms and ensuring the long-term viability of the state's agriculture industry," Wyant said. "We encourage Michigan food and agricultural organizations to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance their marketing activities and impact."

In order to be considered and successful, FSMIP applications must focus on market research and feasibility study needs, not on promotion or advertising. This year, proposals should reflect a regional or national significance and address challenges and opportunities in these areas:

- Marketing profitably in a rapidly changing global economy where 96 percent of the

world's consumers live outside the United States.

- Addressing consumer-driven agriculture issues like health, food safety, labeling and packaging or developing new products that meet mobile, time-pressed needs of consumers.

- Fostering agricultural diversity through new or niche markets, value-added products, or those that help achieve long-term sustainability of the environment and rural communities.

- Using technology to improve food quality, develop new products, or address food safety concerns through enhanced handling, packaging or processing methods.

- Developing efficiencies in the transportation and distribution of Michigan and U.S. food and agricultural products, including specialty commodities like identity-preserved, and assisting small and medium-scale producers overcome access barriers in both domestic and international markets.

For a copy of the FSMIP application and detailed guidelines, visit: www.ams.usda.gov/tmd/fsmip.htm or call MDA at (517) 241-2678. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 31, to the attention of Brian Preston at MDA, Agriculture Development Division, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909 or via fax at (517) 335-0628.

Aviation conference to cover 100 years of powered flight

The Great Lakes International Aviation Conference celebrates the "Centennial of Powered Flight" in East Lansing, January 17-19.

A top-flight lineup of nationally known speakers will address the third, annual conference at Michigan State University's Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. Among the headlines are:

- Capt. Al Haynes, retired United Airlines pilot and cockpit resource management expert;
- Paul Bowen, renowned aerial photographer; and
- Brian Finnegan, president of the Professional Aviation Maintenance Association.

Also scheduled to speak are Blaine Hammond, a Space Shuttle command pilot, and "B" Steadman, one of the original "Mercury 13" female astronauts. Members of the original Black Sheep Squadron, Flying Tigers, and Tuskegee Airmen will participate in many conference events as well.

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The Bible Speaks

Happy New Year

Each New Year people make resolutions to improve their lives. They view each New Year as a chance for a new beginning. But, most New Year's resolutions seem to fail before the year ends.

Each year we are reminded of the wisdom of Solomon found in Ecc. 1:9, "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done." This wisdom is often restated in terms like "History repeats itself," or "If we don't learn from history we are bound to repeat it."

All of us desire better lives for our children, and ourselves, but how do we gain the freedom and will to fulfill these choices? Liberals place most of the blame for our problems outside of self. They say guns kill, drugs addict, institutions corrupt, religions brainwash, fast foods cause fat, etc. Their answer to our problems is more taxes and government control.

Jesus Christ gave us a revolutionary view of human problems in Matthew 15:18,19: "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." Again Jesus said in Luke 6:45: "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil trea-

sure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

Jesus expanded the principle stated by Solomon in Prov. 4:23: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." All of us understand this principle physically. Heart attacks stop the circulation of blood and we die. We have learned that it is possible for a person to live with a new heart transplant or artificial heart. But what about our spiritual life? Ezekiel quoted God as saying nearly 2,600 years ago in Ezek. 36:26: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."

Jesus told Nicodemus how important it is to have this new birth in John 3:3,5,7: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

To get a new spiritual heart, we must confess our sins and ask Jesus Christ by faith to forgive us of our sins and to enter our heart. God promised us in John 1:12: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Jesus Christ changes us into a new creature. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old

things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5:17). Jesus Christ changes our lives. Eph. 4:24: "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Col. 3:10: "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."

This New Year is the best time to turn your heart and life over to Jesus Christ. He has made every sacrifice necessary to become your Savior and God. Trust Him today for a Happy New Year. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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Special playground grants available

► Collaboration aims to create playgrounds built for all children

The National Center for Boundless Playgrounds recently announced the "Able to Play" project which begins with a \$75,000 to \$350,000 Challenge Grant Opportunity.

The goal of this project is to develop uniquely designed outdoor playgrounds and indoor play environments where children with and without disabilities will have the opportunity to laugh, play and grow together.

Service clubs, parks, museums, libraries, hospitals, schools, advocacy groups, youth organizations, associations, civic and non-profit groups along with individuals, businesses and foundations are invited to participate and are encouraged to collabo-

rate on applications for these grants for their communities located within the state of Michigan.

The "Able to Play" project and challenge grants are made possible by a lead gift from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to the National Center for Boundless Playgrounds.

Boundless Playgrounds is a non-profit organization that provides leadership to foster and create fully integrated, universally accessible play environments for children of all abilities. It was founded in 1997 by passionate parents and professionals who wanted to create a play environment uniquely designed to remove the barriers that limit childhood exploration and development for children of all abilities.

Boundless Playgrounds is collaborating with the Center for Creative Play in providing the technical assistance for the

indoor play environments. The Center is a non-profit organization that provides an inclusive and welcoming play environment for children of all abilities and families of diverse backgrounds.

Workshops to assist interested applicants will be held the week of January 13 across the state. These are not mandatory, but will provide valuable information on the project requirements and how to prepare the grant application. Specific workshop times and locations are available online at: www.abletoplay.org or by calling (860) 243-8315.

Application workshops are scheduled on January 13 in Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie; on January 14 in Battle Creek and Pontiac; on January 15 in Grand Rapids and Flint; on January 16 in Lansing and Saginaw; and on January 17 in Detroit, Dearborn and Ann Arbor.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all of the individuals, groups, families and businesses who donated money and/or food to us during the holiday season, (and of course during the rest of the year), the people who donated mittens and hats

(most were hand knit), Christmas candy and the many toys for Toys for Tots distribution. Thanks also to the people who adopted families, the volunteers who worked at the center and last but not least Marianne Gosnell for her many hours as Toys for

Tots coordinator. Because of this support from the community we were able to joyfully provide toys and Christmas dinner fixings to nearly 200 families.

Gerry Schroeder
Coordinator
Christian Help Center



To climb a mountain is a test and a challenge. Setting off to reach the pinnacle requires good equipment, proper clothing and training. It takes skill, physical fitness and determination to endure the harshness of the climb. Once invaded, the mountain throws obstacles in the path of the invader. As if to say,

"I will not give up my silent majesty easily."

Many climbers have heard the voices of the mountain and experienced its anger. The howling winds, the bitter cold, lack of oxygen and exhaustion face the intruder who dares conquer it. But once conquered, the victory is sweet.

Like the mountain, God does not always give up His silent majesty easily. Obstacles thrown in our path may make us falter and fail, but He gives us new strength with every new difficulty.

To reach God's summit is to climb heavenward. Seek His strength and refuge this week.

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For one man, time away from home was worth it

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"I'm also responsible for the health, welfare and morale of all the soldiers who work in the supply and logistics area. I help ensure that this base has what it needs and that my troops are taken care of."

Bagram is the headquarters for U.S. forces in Afghanistan, as well as the home of the Air Force's fleet of A-10 Thunderbolt attack aircraft. Located about 80 miles north of Kabul, the base remains a work in progress. When American forces first arrived at the bomb-wrecked base, little remained from when the Soviets occupied it. Since then, however, service members have repaired the airstrip, constructed tents and swept the area free of its many land mines.

The creature comforts that exist on American soil remain a memory for Thompson. Running water, heating and air conditioning, tents rigged for electricity and hot showers are just a few of the things that are hard to find on this camp. And the dust storms that turn the late afternoon sky brown pose a challenge to operations conducted around the camp.

In spite of these conditions, Thompson said being part of Operation Enduring Freedom makes up for any hardships that he may encounter.

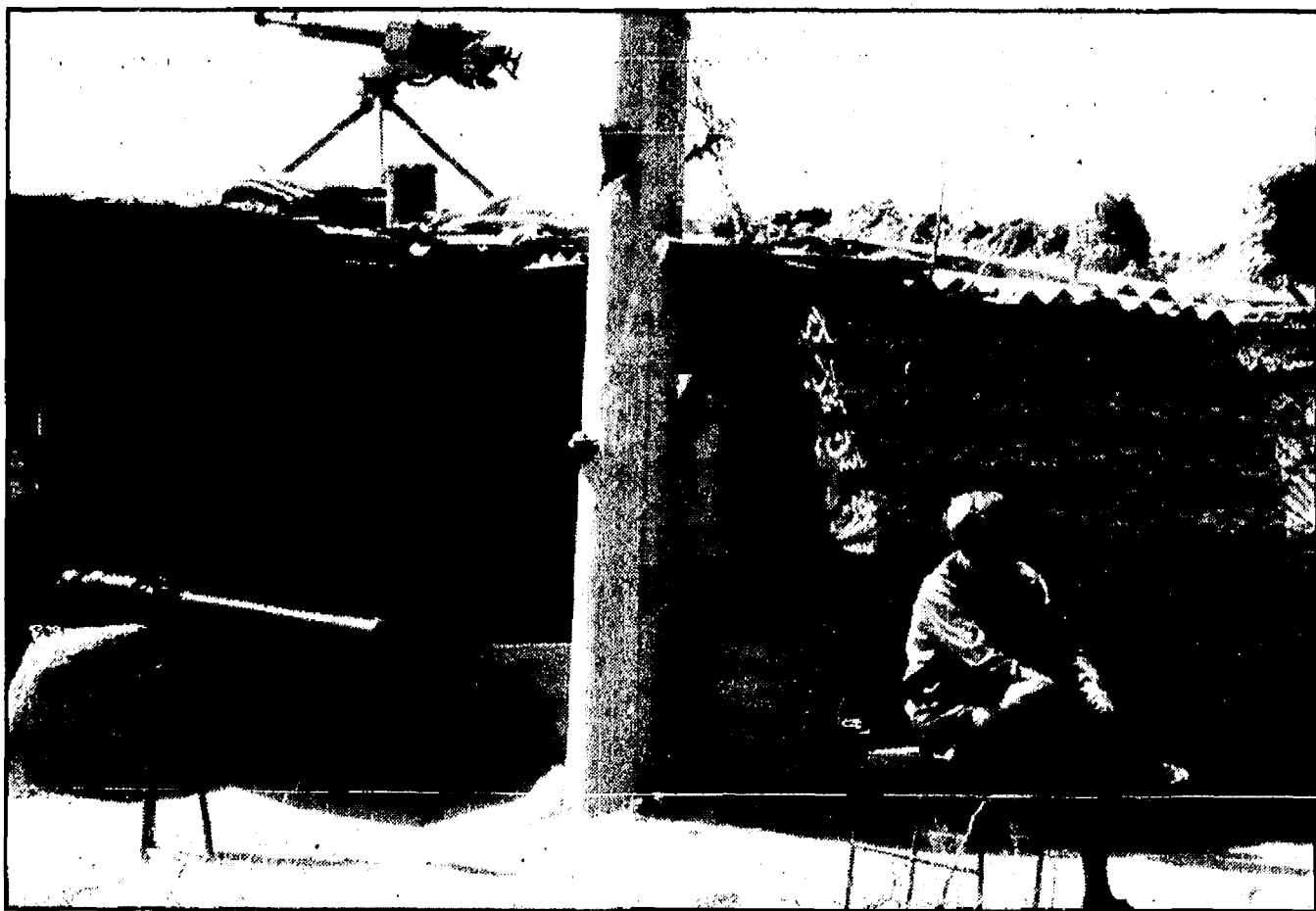
"It's my duty as a professional soldier to be serving and fighting for my country in the war against terrorism," he said. "It may not be the easiest place to be, but I'm sure that there are worse places, and I try to lead by example and take a positive view of being here, and hope that my troops follow my lead."

While the mission at Bagram remains one of combat, as soldiers continue to make headway in their hunt for the remnants of the Taliban and Al Qaeda terrorist network, some of the work done by service members outside of the base is humanitarian in nature.

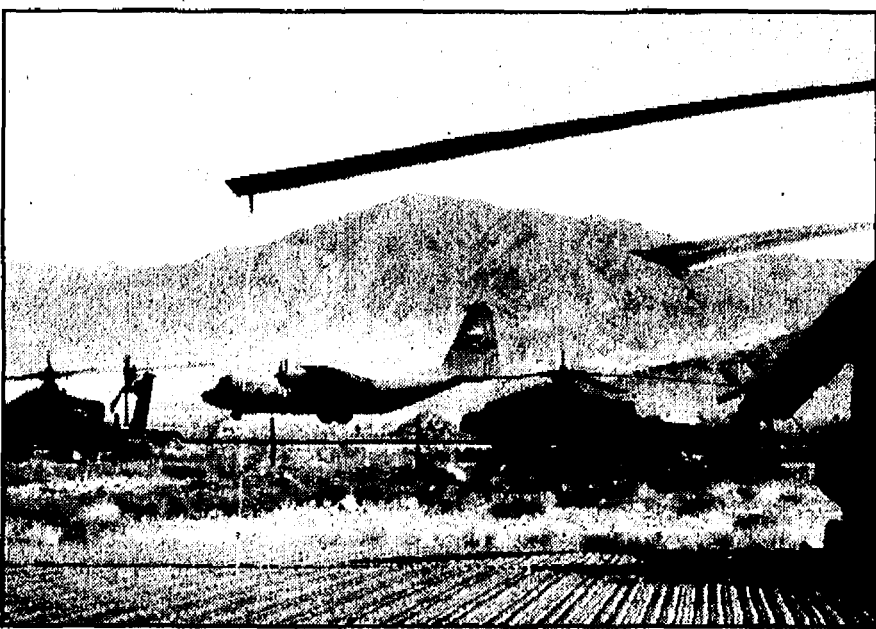
Army engineers travel to surrounding communities to help build schools and drill wells, while medical teams treat many Afghan civilians for illnesses and prior injuries suffered during their nation's many years of war.

It is these subtle improvements that show Thompson and his fellow service members that their time spent away from home is making a difference, even if their thoughts often turn to home.

"I'm looking forward to returning home and seeing my wife, kids and the rest of my family and friends," he said.



Two Afghan elders are stationed in front of their house, with a banner in the background commemorating the anniversary of the death of their former Northern Alliance leader, Ahmad Shah Massoud. The day was memorialized as a national holiday in Afghanistan.



A C-130 Hercules cargo plane lands at the Bagram Air Base airstrip while Army Blackhawk helicopters prepare to lift off.

"I'm going to just relax and reflect on being able to live in the greatest country in the world."

When Thompson does return home, he said he will be secure in the knowledge that his time spent helping to keep a small base and its inhabitants safe in a dangerous land has also helped to keep America safe.

Please note: The Crawford County Avalanche received this article on December 23, although it was written for publication in September.

In October, 49-year old Sgt. Maj. Thompson returned to his home and family in Tennessee, just across the state border from his assigned duty station at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

His mother said that although her son graduated from Ferris State University with a degree in accounting, he chose to join the Army and make a career of it. "He sure does like it," Mrs.

Thompson said. Another of her sons, Jim, owns and operates the Trails Campground in Frederic.

Sgt. Maj. Thompson has also seen duty in Somalia, Turkey and Germany during his career. He served at Bagram Air Base from April to October, 2002.

(Avalanche Staff Writer Cheryl Rulley contributed to this article.)



Laura Thompson, of Frederic, said she is proud of her son, Sgt. Maj. William Thompson (above), who recently completed six months of duty at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.



An Army civil affairs soldier walks with an Afghan civilian on base. U.S. service members work hand in hand with representatives of the local Afghan government to improve living conditions for Afghan civilians living in villages surrounding the base.

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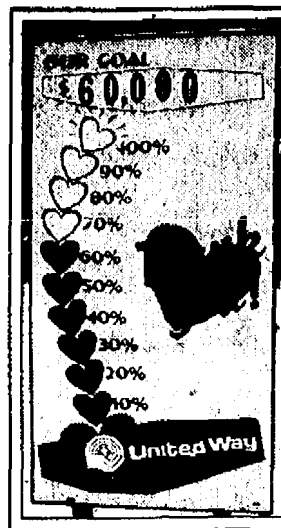
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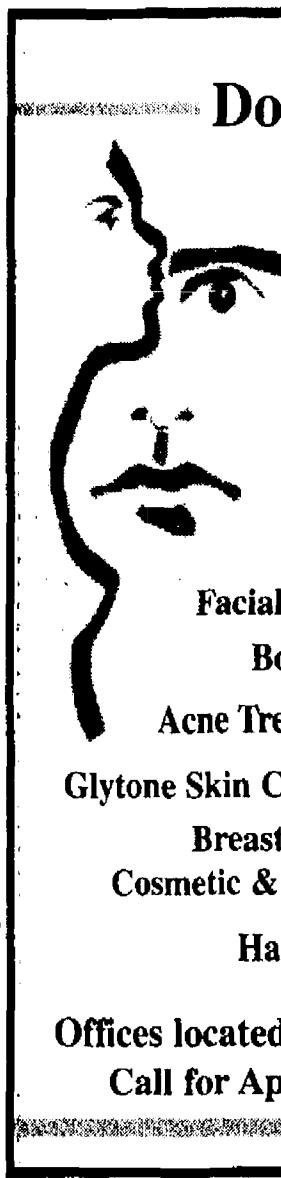
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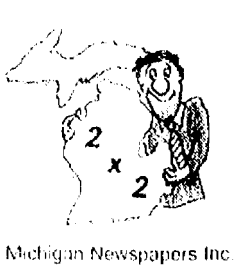
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Grant available for preservation projects

The Michigan Architectural Foundation and the Clannad Foundation will once again make a \$5,000 grant to a preservation project in Michigan.

The two foundations joined, in memory of preservation architect David Evans, FAIA to initiate the Evans Memorial Preservation Grant Program. This annual award will be made to a not-for-profit (501-C-3) organization that can demonstrate a creative solution to a preservation problem.

David Evans, FAIA of Ann Arbor, was a leading advocate for innovative historic preservation. He was a founding partner of Quinn/Evans Associates, a firm which worked on many high-profile historic buildings in Michigan and throughout the United States. Evans, who died in 1998, believed the architectural treasures of the past must be valued and preserved for the generations to come.

Historically, the first Evans Memorial Grant went to the Shielding Tree Nature Center to restore the Lawr Farm in Port Oneida, for adaptive reuse. This farm is one of several that are within the Sleeping Bear Dunes

National Lakeshore Park. It is on the National Historic Register as part of the Port Oneida Rural Historic District.

The second award went to the Coopersville Area Historical Society for the restoration of Interurban Car #8. Coopersville was commended for saving a unique example from America's recent past.

In the third year, the Pewabic House in Houghton received the prize. The house is the family home of Mary Chase Stratton, the founder of Pewabic Pottery, a leader in the art pottery movement in the early part of the 20th Century. They are still in business in Detroit.

Grant number four went to Detroit to stabilize an Irish workers' cottage. The long range goal of the Corktown Development Corporation is a Tenement Museum but the immediate concern was the roof. The grant was used to make the house weather-

tight.

Incremental changes in a community's historic building stock often have a profound effect on the quality of life of a community. The Evans Memorial Grant seeks to reward non-profit groups who come up with an idea that leads to the creative use of a historic property.

An application package of instructions is available from the Michigan Architectural Foundation, 553 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226, or by calling (313) 965-4100, or on the Internet at MIAMI.com. Deadline for submission is February 3.

A jury composed of representatives of the funding authorities, recognized preservation experts and preservation architects will pick the winner. The award will be presented on May 2 during the honor awards program of the American Institute of Architects - Michigan at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

The Michigan Architectural Foundation promotes educational, scientific and charitable activities that advance the quality of architecture and allied arts. The Foundation sponsors programs that:

1) stimulate public awareness of the value of architecture, 2) advance architecture through research and education, and 3) enhance the quality of life through an improved natural and built environment.

The Clannad Foundation was founded in 1995 by Jeanne and Ralph Graham of Bloomfield Hills. The aim of the Foundation is to support non-profit organizations in the fields of social action, hunger, environmental acquisition and advocacy, cultural education, emergency housing and education. "Clannad" is a Gaelic word for "Family." The Foundation is a 501-C-3 designated organization and funds only groups that are non-profit.

NHCDC housing counselor now certified

Northern Homes Community Development Corporation of Boyne City has announced Alice Yeoman recently received certification as a Network Counselor through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

Northern Homes CDC is an independently run non-profit organization created to address the growing needs for affordable housing in northern Michigan. It currently serves Crawford, Otsego, Antrim, Cheboygan, Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

Yeoman will be providing classes to homebuyers through MSHDA's Links to Homeownership program. Families with a related minor child living in the home or a pregnant applicant/co-applicant, who meet financial program guidelines, are eligible.

The program can assist homebuyers with potential down payment assistance, credit repair, pre-purchase education and maintenance training.

Classes will be offered in Otsego County through the

Gaylord Adult & Continuing Education program beginning in February.

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Students honored for card designs

Forty-four students from the Crawford County area were honored on December 3 at Mercy Hospital Grayling's "Lights of Love" tree lighting ceremony.

Special recognition went to Fairview Elementary School third grader, Sarah Force, age nine, whose design was chosen as the winning entry in the hospital's 2002 Children's Christmas Card Design Contest.

The annual competition was open to children from kindergarten through fourth grade in 12 schools in the region. Force received a plaque with a picture of her card on it, plus an art supply kit, from hospital CEO, Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak.

Force lives in Comins with her parents. Judges chose her design from 290 drawings submitted.

Before a crowd of proud parents and grandparents, tokens of appreciation were awarded to 43 other students, representing every participating grade in every school. After enjoying cookies and hot cocoa, the families were able to view the students' artwork and attend the "Lights of Love" ceremony.

Force's artwork, the grade winners, and all other children who submitted drawings are being exhibited at Mercy Hospital through the 2002 holiday season.



Students Shelby Pippin and Skylar Nelson represented Frederic Elementary School at the annual Lights of Love and were honored for their Christmas card designs.



Grayling students Shane Kraves and Samantha Bidwell represented Grayling Elementary School on December 3 in a ceremony honoring kids who entered Mercy Hospital's Children's Christmas Card Design Contest.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 51 complaints during the week of December

22 - 28:

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RANGE FIRING

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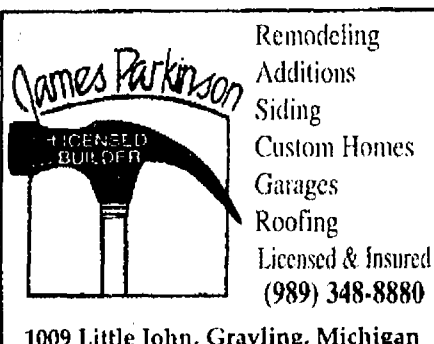
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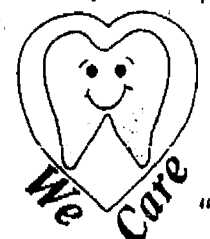
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SPORTS & RECREATION

Boy Scouts attend annual winter survival camp

by Wesley Lane
 Troop 979 Historian

On Saturday, December 7, 2002, local Boy Scout Troop 979 went on its annual Polar Bear Campout. The scouts left scout hall that morning.

The Polar Bear Campout requires the scouts to hike a half-mile into camp and spend at least 18 hours without going into a structure or motor vehicle.

On Saturday afternoon, some Webelo scouts came out to the camp and the Boy Scouts took this time to show them some different skills.

They were shown first aid by Henry Lane, ice rescue by Wesley Lane and Mr. Steffey, fire building by Nick Grougan, knots by Nick Steffey, and map and compass by Jimmy Hilbrecht.

Also attending and spending the night with Troop 979 was Dylan Nye, Derek Smith, Tyler Steffey and Scott Grougan. Webelo scout Brent Steffey also



Photo courtesy of Loren Goodale

Boy Scout Troop 979 recently attended its annual "Polar Bear Campout" to learn about winter survival.

camped.

Throughout the day, the Boy Scouts worked on finishing a lean-to shelter they started to construct one month earlier.

Each scout also had to cook three meals in order to get their award.

If you would like to join scouting or would like more information about Boy Scout Troop 979, talk to any of the scouts or call Scoutmaster Loren Goodale at 348-8682 or 348-6238 (evenings).

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team

ROSCOMMON - All things considered, Kirtland's Great North Christmas Tournament was an idea whose time had arrived - and it'll come again if Firebirds coach and athletic director Glen Donahue has his way.

"I think it went very well," Donahue said of the first annual event that featured good competition and great basketball in both the men's and women's brackets. "There was some very good basketball featuring a lot of good teams from the north country."

About 200 people attended the tournament Friday and Saturday at the CRAF Center.

Kirtland men finished third in their tournament, beating Lourdes College 117-53 in the consolation game Saturday after narrowly losing to Kellogg Community College the night before. Kirtland led most of the game until injuries began taking their toll. Two starters were on crutches during the tournament,

and the 'Birds lost two more midway through the opening game.

"It's disappointing," Donahue said. "We did some darn good things and played awfully well. But we were a little shorthanded and then made just enough mistakes not to beat Kellogg."

Kellogg, 8-4, took first when tournament MVP Antonio Strong scored 33 points in a 101-72 victory over Gogebic in the championship game.

Gogebic, 7-7, which got 23 points from Milton Austin in the title game, advanced with a 107-47 win over Lourdes, in its inaugural season of competition.

In the consolation game earlier, Jeremy Rau and Vaughan Gray each scored 20 points to power Kirtland, 5-6, to a 117-53 win over Lourdes College of Sylvania, Ohio. Rau also had 10 rebounds and Gray dished out 12 assists and had five steals.

Eugene Phillips and Jake Milarch each had 19 points and Levi Burkett had 16 for Kirtland.

Rau and Phillips were named to the all-tournament team with Kellogg's Barry Shelton and Gogebic's Austin and Nathan Flannery.

Womens Team

ROSCOMMON - After four straight second-place finishes in tournaments over the past two seasons, Kirtland Lady Firebirds coach Jimmy Parker is ready for something different.

"One of these days, we'll be the bride instead of the bridesmaid," he said.

But Parker was anything but disappointed after his team earned the runner-up trophy in the first annual Great North Christmas Tournament.

"It was a very good weekend and I'm very proud of the girls," he said. "They all did a great job."

In the opener Friday, the Lady 'Birds took a very good Finlandia University team into overtime before losing, 72-63, on Friday. Earlier Friday, Finlandia routed Gogebic, 81-43, to seal

the tournament title.

Finlandia, 9-7, was pressed into action because Algoma University College of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, was unable to attend because of weather-related problems.

In what stood as the consolation game Saturday, Kirtland won easily over Gogebic, 82-63.

Becca Miller scored 29 points and Lori Hinkle and Amy Jordan 10 each to power Kirtland, which led, 51-20, at halftime en route to improving its record to 5-7.

Ashley Sadler and Bethany Hanna each had 19 points for Gogebic, 6-6.

In Kirtland's opener, Jeni Kemp had 23 points. Miller had 17 points and Jillian Shultz had 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Lady Firebirds.

Gogebic's Sadler joined Miller and Jordan on the all-tournament team along with Finlandia's Debbie Wesa and Delsie Lukkala. Beth Koski, of Finlandia, was named tournament MVP.

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OBITUARIES

James Alva Kuenzel

Feb. 12, 1938 - Dec. 28, 2002
James Alva Kuenzel, age 64, long time Big Rapids real estate appraiser, died Saturday, December 28 at his residence. He was born on February 12, 1938 in Ann Arbor, the son of Franklin C. and Clara (Caple) Kuenzel and graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1956. Jim graduated from Ferris State College with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and received his REM from the University of Michigan.

A real estate broker, Jim was also certified as a residential and commercial property appraiser. He served on the Mecosta County Building Authority from 1987 to 2001.

Jim was employed at Ferris for 10 years. In 1981, he formed JK & Associates, which he operated until his retirement in 2000.

The things that made Jim happiest were time with his grandchildren, walking with his dog, fly-fishing, hunting, sharing his lodge and ranch on the North Branch with his friends, and riding a good horse in the mountains at sunrise. "Nothing comforts the soul of a man like the back of a good horse," A.B. Caple.

On June 25, 1981, he married Darby Ann Dewey, who survives. Also surviving are his children, Wendy Highland, Michael Kuenzel and Heather (Chip Youngs) Eaton Nowlin, all of Big Rapids and Amy Jelks of Ypsilanti; grandchildren, Jennie Highland Mikayla and Jessica Kuenzel, Mallory Straley, Ashley Nowlin, Logan Youngs, Tony Valencia and Auburn Jelks; his sister Nancy Ann (Duane) Peterson of Ann Arbor; and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, December 31 at St. Paul's Campus Parish, with Father Joe Fix officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Humane Society.

Arrangements by Mohnke Funeral Home.

John Hudaski

Jan. 10, 1924 - Dec. 24, 2002

John Hudaski, age 78, of Grayling, died Tuesday, December 24 at his home. He was born on January 10, 1924 in Newton Falls, Ohio to Michael and Anna Hudaski.

John was married to Irene (Betcher) in 1942 at Mt. Clemens.

Mr. Hudaski resided in Warren, then lived in St. Helen for 20 years before moving to Grayling two years ago. He retired from Bliss & Laughlin Steel of Warren in 1980, where he was employed as a steel worker for 32 years.

John was a member of the Charles M. Engle VFW Post #4159 in Roscommon and served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and Korea.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Anna Hudaski; his wife Irene Hudaski; one daughter, Jane Palovaara; one brother, Michael; two sisters, Mary Kiss and Anna Uhrin, beloved friend Ann Thomas.

He is survived by four children, Irene Wolfe of Warren, Shannnie (Dennis) Larente of Warren, Michael Jakubiec of Warren and Mary (DeWayne) Annabel of Grayling. Also 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at a later date at Fairview Cemetery in St. Helen. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Patricia June Bacon

December 20, 2002

Patricia June Bacon, age 71, of Roscommon, died December 20, 2002.

Services were held on December 22 at Walsh Funeral Home. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Roy Louis Lovely

Sept. 5, 1912 - Dec. 26, 2002

Roy Louis Lovely, age 90, of Grayling, died Thursday, December 26 at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City. He was born on September 5, 1912 to Paul and Emma (LaMotte) Lovely.

Mr. Lovely was married to Glendola "Mo" Cunningham on April 19, 1940 in Grayling.

Roy lived most of his life in Grayling and was retired from the Crawford County Sheriff Department.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Disabled American Veterans, and the Michigan Deputy Sheriff's Association. He was also a licensed barber. Roy served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a gunners mate on the battleship U.S.S. Pennsylvania. He also worked as a City of Grayling Police Officer, and for the Crawford County Road Commission. He later moved to Oxford and opened his own barber shop. After three years he took a position as deputy on the Crawford County Sheriff Department, from which he retired. With the help of his son "Chum," he built a home on the AuSable River where he did a lot of fishing and canoeing. Mr. Lovely enjoyed deer hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Emma Lovely.

Roy is survived by his wife, Mo Lovely; one daughter, Paula (Minard) Harwood of Grayling; two sons, Roy "Chum" (Barbara) Lovely of Grayling and Jerold "Fuzz" (Gayle) Lovely of Oxford; six grandchildren, Shawn (George) Gonzales, Shannon (Steve) Telly; Shane Lovely; Minard Harwood II, Megan Walker, Jennifer (Sean) Whittall and Jamie (Jaime) Lovely; one great-grandchild, Stone Phillip; two sisters, Ruth Golnick and Nina Doremire; two brothers, Leo (Edith) Lovely and Paul (Pauline) Lovely. He will be sadly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchild and friends.

Mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, December 30 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Reverend Robert Nalley officiated. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

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6 - Fish fillets/Wiener schnitzel; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

7 - Spaghetti & Meatballs/Chicken Kiev; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; McDonald's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

8 - BBQ Beef Sandwich/Swiss Steak; Commodities at St. Mary's at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. only; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Craft Class at 1 p.m. and Birthday Dinner and White Elephant Auction at 5 and 5:30 p.m.

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Stacey Lynn Pelton and Cory J. Moshier

Mr. and Mrs. George Pelton, of Grayling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Lynn, to Cory J. Moshier, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moshier, also of Grayling. No wedding date has been set at this time.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 78 complaints the week of December 23-29:

One EMS response, 10 traffic accidents, 10 non-traffic accidents, two traffic policing, one accident - all other, one school bus inspection, one property inspection, one other inspections, six civil matter disputes - family trouble, nine suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 12 general non-criminal, one run-

away;

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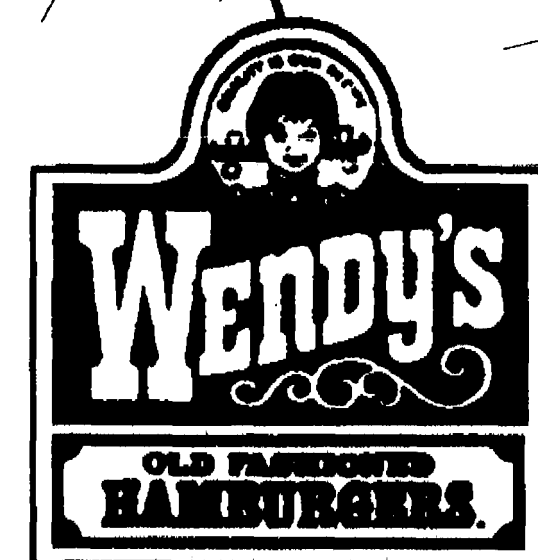
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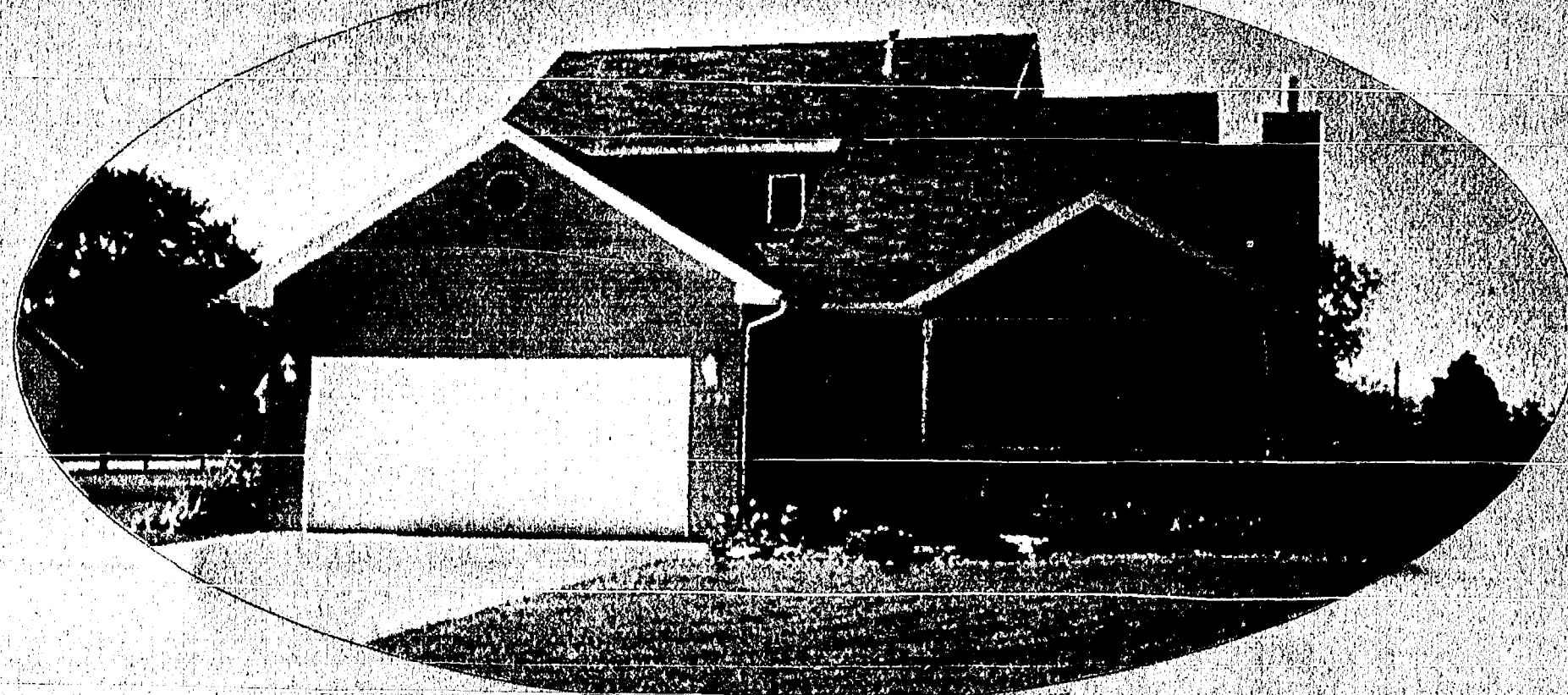
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From the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche

2002: Year In Review

Happy New Year! With 2002 in the books, the Crawford County Avalanche presents Part 1 of its "2002: Year In Review," featuring selected news, sports, and feature story summaries from 2002 Avalanche editions – January through June. (Part 2 of 2002: Year In Review – featuring July through December – will be published in next week's Avalanche.)

Note: Year In Review story summaries are listed according to the month the news story was featured in the Avalanche, which is not necessarily the month in which the events occurred. The date of the Avalanche edition in which the story appeared is included (in parentheses) at the end of each story synopsis.

JANUARY•JANUARY•JANUARY•JANUARY•JANUARY•JANUARY

- Crawford County Assistant Prosecutor David Sabin said he cannot find anything that would create a conflict of interest with Barbara Selesky being on the Commission on Aging Board of Directors. A group of senior citizens complained that Selesky should not be allowed to serve because she owns and operates a senior home in Frederic. (Jan. 3)

- Marti Gosling donated a 1962 GT Hawk Studebaker to River House Shelter. Gosling won the classic car at Turtle Creek Casino in April, 2001. (Jan. 3)

- The first comprehensive report charting Michigan's environmental trends has been released, and serves as a building block for continued assessment according to the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural Resources. (Jan. 3)

- Chief Judge Alton T. Davis granted a motion allowing defense attorney David Fregalle to withdraw from representing murder suspect Randee Craig Johnson in his trial set to begin February 11. Johnson had been charged with one count of open murder in the shooting death of Shane Piehl in May 2001. (Jan. 10)

- Michael Patrick Bergan of Beaver Creek Township was sentenced January 7 in Crawford County's 46th

- Circuit Trial Court to 36 months to 10 years in state prison for stealing \$150,000 from a local businessman last July. (Jan. 10)

- The Honorable Judge Dennis Murphy postponed the sentencing of Michael Tironi, who formerly owned a Grayling teen center. Tironi was found guilty on charges of Criminal Sexual Conduct - 2nd Degree in November 2001. No definitive answer was given as to why there is a delay in sentencing but it is not a highly unusual occurrence said a court spokesman. (Jan. 10)

- Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park recently opened its slopes and trails, after a slow start to winter stalled an earlier attempt at starting the 2001-02 winter season. (Jan. 10)

- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners unanimously re-elected Scott Hanson as Chairman and Terry Beardslee as Vice Chairman at their annual organizational meeting. Committee assignments were also made at the meeting. (Jan. 10)

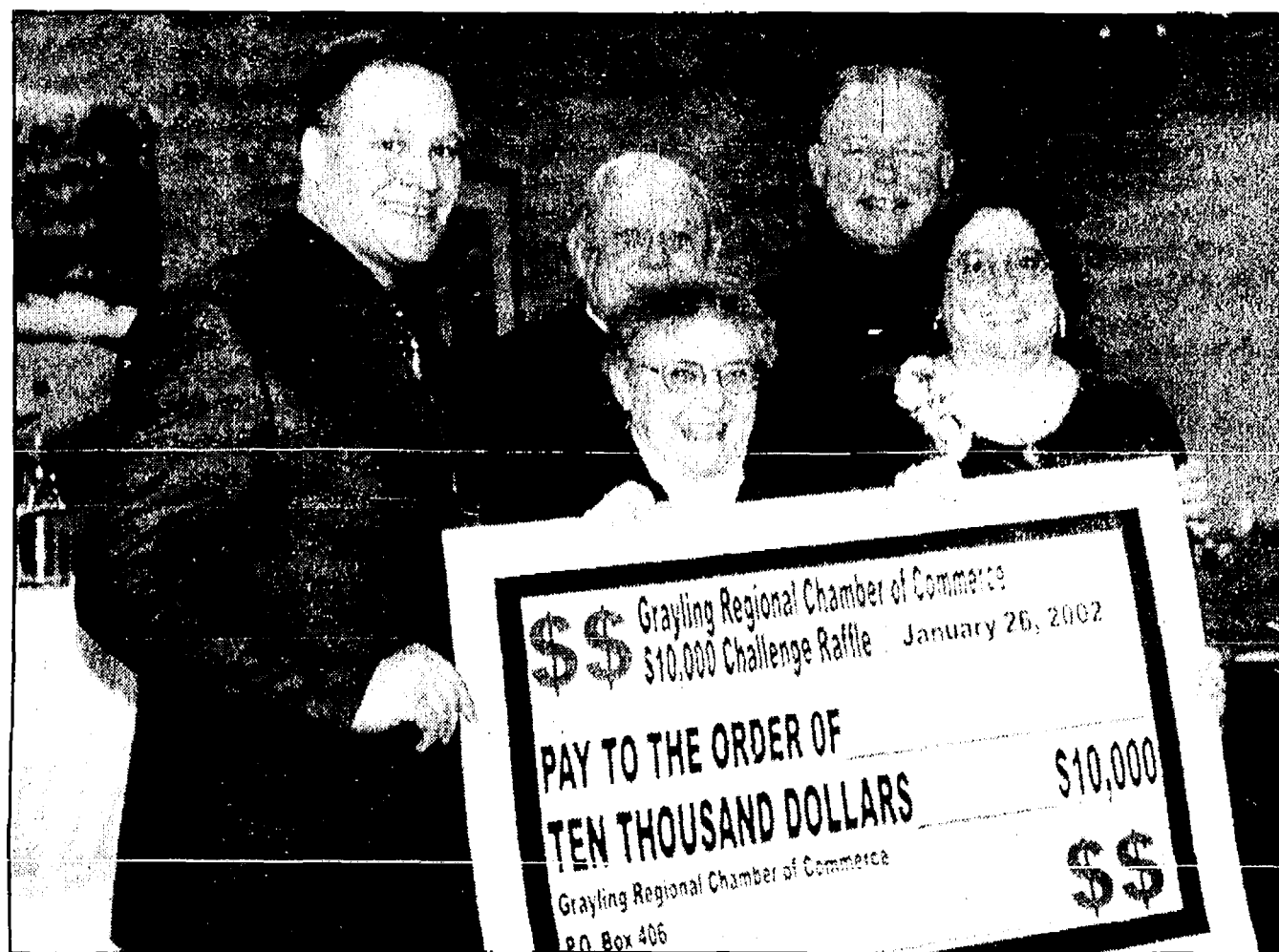
- A joint venture between the City of Grayling and the Crawford AuSable School District is currently working to create a dual-purpose, outdoor ice rink within the city limits. (Jan. 10)

- After nearly four years of negotiations the county finalized a six year nine month contract with members of the Police Officers Association of Michigan and the Command Officers Association of Michigan. This is the first time since January 1, 1998 that union employees with the Crawford County Sheriff Department received a pay raise. (Jan. 17)

- Members of the 745th Ordnance Company out of Camp Grayling will be taking RONS the robot with them next month as they provide security for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. RONS is a highly-sophisticated Remote Ordnance Neutralization System designed to handle suspicious packages and other potentially dangerous items. (Jan. 17)

- Hanson Hills was forced to close its slopes and trails again due to several days of unseasonably warm weather and no snow. The Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Challenge cross country ski races, due to be held this past weekend were postponed until March 2 and 3. (Jan. 17)

- With the ribbon cutting for the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library just around the corner, the Library Board hired Edward Elsner as the new director to oversee operations at the main branch,



Chamber of Commerce's \$10,000 Raffle (Jan. 31 edition)

- as well as those located in Frederic, Lovells, and Beaver Creek Townships. (Jan. 17)

- The Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division has awarded the Crawford AuSable School District's Transportation Department a Certificate of Excellence for achieving a "100% pass rate" for school bus safety inspections during the 2000-2001 school year. (Jan. 24)

- Last week the Grayling Uptown District Association and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce asked the city council to once again

- consider establishing a downtown development authority (DDA). (Jan. 24)

- In an effort to establish and maintain a statewide databank of DNA profiles, the State of Michigan is now mandating collection of DNA samples by local law enforcement beginning January 1. (Jan. 24)

- Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Milli Haug announced the impending retirement of Grayling High School principal, Judi Gorski. Gorski has been on medical leave since

- September, 2001. (Jan. 31)

- Therese Kaiser told everyone she knew that she was going to win the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's \$10,000 grand prize because the drawing would fall on her birthday. She was right. (Jan. 31)

- Patrick Fragel, defense attorney for Michael Tironi, has asked for a new trial. Fragel reported that a juror who hadn't revealed during jury selection that he had a reason to be excused from the case has since come forward. (Jan. 31)

FEBRUARY•FEBRUARY•FEBRUARY•FEBRUARY•FEBRUARY

- Sheriff Dave Lovely has opted to take advantage of the early retirement program offered by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners in their effort to trim the budget. (Feb. 7)

- Four people were injured when the car they were riding in left Old US-27 and crashed into the River County Motor Lodge sign. The car then rolled over, trapping the victims inside. (Feb. 7)

- On February 4, Randee Craig Johnson's new court appointed attorney, Jim Hunt of Traverse City, requested an adjournment of the trial to allow him time to prepare the defense. The trial which was to begin in a week will now begin sometime between the end of March and May. (Feb. 7)

- The 1957 Grayling High School boys basketball team and its cheerleaders were honored on Saturday at Grayling Middle School. The 1957 team advanced to the state semi-finals, the farthest a GHS basketball squad has gone in

- the post-season. (Feb. 7)

- Three Grayling teenagers were arrested early on the morning of February 9 by the Michigan State Police. The teens allegedly broke into the River Park Campground party store near Hartwick Pines State Park. Family members kept the suspects from fleeing after the incident. (Feb. 14)

- Brenda Hedden was hired last week as the new principal of Grayling High School. (Feb. 14)

- The Grayling High School boys ski team finished second in its conference last week and the girls finished third after competing in the final league meet of the year. (Feb. 14)

- Naval Commander Mark Kelly, who was part of a crew of 10 that traveled in the Space Shuttle Endeavor to the International Space Station, recently shared his experiences in space with AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary School students. (Feb. 14)

- The Grayling City Council agreed to let Grayling High

- School use the Crawford County Library building on James Street for its media center during the upcoming GHS renovation project. (Feb. 21)

- Three applicants for position of Interim Sheriff in Crawford County are Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield, Tim Coe who was a 2000 write-in candidate for Sheriff and Randee Craig Johnson, a current inmate in the county jail. (Feb. 21)

- Shayla Moore was selected 2002 Grayling Junior Miss. 1st Runner-Up is Andi Holzbauer and 2nd Runner-Up is Sarah Golinick. (Feb. 21)

- The Grayling Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favor of paving Whirlpool Road which runs south off of North Down River Road. (Feb. 21)

- Four Grayling High School wrestlers – Adam Malone, Andy Palmer, Dusty Partello, and Brandon Pratt – placed high enough at last week's Individual Districts competition to earn a spot at Regionals. (Feb. 21)



Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon (Feb. 28 edition)

- Two of Grayling High School's girls ski team members – Kelly Jansen and Andria Alvarez – finished high enough at last week's Regional Ski Meet to qualify for the State Finals. (Feb. 21)

- Kirk Wakefield was named to the position of Interim Sheriff. Shawn Kraycs was named Undersheriff. (Feb. 28)

- Winner of the Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon (paddling on the AuSable River, snowshoeing at Rayburn's and cross country skiing at Hanson Hills) was Bill Torongo. Sarah

- Cockrell had the best women's division time. (Feb. 28)

- The State of Michigan has been asked to help resolve the stalemate between Crawford County and the Honorable Chief Judge Alton Davis of the 46th Circuit Trial Court over funding issues. (Feb. 28)

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2002: Year In Review - MARCH

- The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Crawford County United Way are teaming up on a new annual fund-raiser, a \$20,000 raffle that will feature \$35,000 in cash prizes, including the \$20,000 grand prize. The event, to be held in September, will replace the Chamber's \$10,000 Raffle and United Way's CARE Night. (Mar. 7)

- Amid a swirl of controversy Barbara Selesky resigned from the Commission on Aging board effective January 22. (Mar. 7)

- The Grayling area received about 12 inches of snow over the weekend resulting in power outages, accidents, and school cancellations. (Mar. 7)

- Grayling High School wrestler Dusty Partello, who won his weight class at Districts, recently qualified for the State Wrestling Finals by placing third in his weight class at the Regional Meet in Reed City. (Mar. 7)

- Two Grayling High School skiers - Kelly Jansen and Andria Alvarez - were among 71 racers to compete in the Girls State Finals Ski Meet at Marquette Mountain. Jansen finished 21st in Giant Slalom and Alvarez finished 33rd. (Mar. 7)

- Kmart, or "Big K," employees in Grayling will not be losing their jobs due to the recent bankruptcy filing by the Troy headquartered firm. The store will remain open during the company's reorganization. (Mar. 14)

- On Tuesday, March 12, Military Police members of the Michigan Army National Guard began arriving at Camp Grayling to start in-processing and training for



Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library ribbon cutting ceremony (Mar. 21 edition)

assignments supporting national security operations. The members of the Michigan Army Guard are scheduled to support this mission for 180 days to provide enhanced security. (Mar. 14)

- A decision was handed down on Monday, March 18 by 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy to call a mistrial in the criminal sexual conduct case of Michael Tironi, a former Grayling teen center owner. (Mar. 21)

- The Grayling City Council voted 3-1 last Monday to decrease the city's income tax from one percent to 1/2 percent, effective January 1, 2002. (Mar. 21)

- A March 15 ribbon cutting ceremony marked the opening of the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. (Mar. 21)

- The Rotary Minstrel Show put on every few years by the Grayling Rotary Club enlists its "talented" members to create a show known to lampoon the locals. The show is a major fund-raising event for the organization whose members serve the community in many ways throughout the year. (Mar. 21)

- Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers has teamed up with Cellular One of Grayling, the Crawford County Sheriff Department and the Grayling City Police to form a new program called, "Cell Phones for Seniors." The donated cell phones will be donated to senior citizens which will allow them to dial 911 from their homes or vehicles in the case of an emergency. (Mar. 28)

- The fourth house in less than a month has fallen victim to fire. The first house fire

occurred on February 26 in Grayling Township, followed on March 7 by another fire in the Township. On March 12 a South Branch Township house burned and most recently, on March 22, a house fire was reported in the City of Grayling. (Mar. 28)

- Grayling resident Michael Olson has qualified and will compete in the 2002 Nastar Ski Racing National Championships, March 28-31 at Park City Mountain Resort in Park City, Utah. (Mar. 28)

- Competing in the 60-64 year old age group, local resident Stephen Cohen recently completed an undefeated 2002 Midwest Indoor Track season with a victory in the shotput at the Midwest Masters Track and Field Championships in New Lenox, Illinois. (Mar. 28)

2002: Year In Review - APRIL

- The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCoy of Frederic Township caught fire after an explosion caused by a leak in a copper pipe attached to the gas tank allowed vapors to collect and ignite when the furnace ignited. (April 4)

- Grayling City Council votes for a referendum on expanding the use of the city income tax. If the referendum fails, the tax will be cut in half effective January 1, 2003. (April 4)

- Grayling Middle School wrestlers Joel Wilson and Jeff Bancroft completed undefeated seasons. Wilson posted a 15-0 record, and Bancroft finished at 10-0. (April 4)

- Kathryn Anne Olson, a Grayling Middle School teacher turned herself in to authorities on April 9 for allegedly making a bomb threat to the school on March 11. (April 11)

- Six people to run for two Crawford AuSable School District board seats - incumbents Carol Ramaswamy and John Pilon. Also applying were Rodney Lobsinger, Rick Schmidt, Pat Merrill and Louis Madill. (April 11)

- Grayling Fire Chief Duane Brooks, Grayling Township Zoning Officer Joe Ferrigan and DNR Wildfire Supervisor Larry Allwardt were given a recognition award at the national Firewise Communities meeting in San Diego. (April 11)

- Due to recent weather conditions "Opening Day" for GHS varsity baseball and softball teams have been canceled, postponed or moved to

an out of town venue. (April 11)

- Three seniors on Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team earned all conference nods for the 2001-02 season. (April 11)

- The Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education has accepted the resignation of a Grayling Middle School teacher who allegedly made a bomb threat against the school on March 11. (April 18)

- Grayling City Patrolman, Timothy G. Coe, has announced he will be seeking the Republican nomination for the office of Crawford County Sheriff in the August 6 primary election. (April 18)

- Over 1,000 homes and businesses in Crawford County were affected by power outages Thursday evening, April 18, when severe thunderstorms moved through the area. The front went through mid-morning creating a spectacular display of ominous looking clouds. Heavy rains with brilliant lightning swept through the area that day and into the night. (April 25)

- Ervin E. Richter, a former Crawford County Road Commissioner, was killed instantly last Friday, April 19, when he was struck by a car as he stepped out of his pickup truck on a street in the town of Reese. (April 25)

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2002: Year In Review – MAY



Loyalty Day celebration at Crawford County Courthouse (May 9 edition)

• Crawford County Emergency Management held its annual Emergency Preparedness exercise which included a plethora of disasters – both natural and man-made. (May 2)

• The Crawford Adult Resource Exchange (C.A.R.E.) sponsored a day-long Community Resource Expo to help adults in the county find proper care and know what services are available for them. (May 2)

• When three local Boy Scout troops set out to collect food, personal hygiene products and paper products to help stock the shelves of the local food pantry, little did they know the community was ready to give in a big way. (May 2)

• The Crawford County Road Commission Board approved final plans for a 2002 project that will involve replacement of Wilcox Bridge – located just north of North Down River Road over the AuSable East Branch – with a new timber bridge. (May 2)

• Michael Olson, 10, of Grayling won the silver medal in his division at the Nastar National Ski Championships in Park City, Utah on March 30. (May 2)

• Two Special Olympians from Grayling – Dawn Whaley and Cassie Merrithew – were members of the Northland Lady Huskies basketball team that recently won the Division III state title at this year's Michigan Special Olympics Basketball Championships. (May 2)

• After several delays due to funding issues, the Old Lake

Road resurfacing project is now underway. (May 2)

• A group of veterans, spouses and other citizens met in front of the Crawford County Courthouse for "Loyalty Day," an occasion designed to celebrate the loyalty between our men and women in the military, past and present. (May 9)

• A battle over a new retirement plan proposed last year by the 46th Circuit Trial Court continues to simmer, but a compromise may be on the horizon. Two meetings have been set to discuss the ongoing funding dispute. (May 9)

• Groundbreaking for Grayling High School improvements occurred May 1. (May 9)

• A train carrying six armored vehicles derailed when rotting railroad ties failed and the rail broke, sending the train into the dirt. (May 9)

• Jeff Kolka of Grayling and his canoeing partner, Serge Corbin of St. Boniface, Quebec won the Run of the Charles River in Boston. (May 9)

• Grayling City Mayor and local businessman, Dave Wyman, announced he is seeking the Republican nomination for the 106th District seat in the State House of Representatives. (May 16)

• Jury selection began Tuesday morning in the capital murder trial of Rande Craig Johnson, of Beaver Creek Township, suspected of shooting to death Shane Piehl last May. (May 16)

• Commissioners and Controllers from Crawford,

Kalkaska and Otsego Counties met with court administrators and all the judges from the 46th Circuit Trial Court to air their opinions about financing. Many complained of a lack of communication between the counties, as well as between the court and each county. (May 16)

• Two Grayling teens were taken into custody pending breaking and entering charges after a neighbor reported suspicious activity around a home on State Street that afternoon. The teens were skipping school and showed signs they had been using inhalants or "huffing." (May 16)

• The Animal Shelter of Crawford County helped the Detroit Zoo and sponsoring Michigan Humane Society set a new record for adoptions of homeless dogs and cats. The local shelter transported 47 animals, and found homes for all of them. (May 17)

• With no murder weapon and no eyewitness to the crime, Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss is relying on phone records, receipts and conversations to prove a Beaver Creek Township man played a role in the murder of 21-year old Shane Piehl. (May 23)

• Proceedings will begin June 10 in Kalkaska's 46th Circuit Trial Court in the re-trial of former Grayling teen center owner, 40-year old Michael Tironi. (May 23)

• Camp Grayling's beach and boat launch, located on the south end of Lake Margrethe – open for years to the public – remains closed. (May 23)

• Board member Gloria Kraus said she did not feel the information the board received on the outreach program was "as thorough as it needed to be" at the regular Commission on Aging Board meeting. (May 23)

• Several hundred people attended the dedication of the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County library. (May 23)

• Family and friends of Rande Craig Johnson waited patiently outside the door of the Crawford County Jail late Friday afternoon after he was acquitted of murder charges. (May 30)

• About 150 acres of forest land near Smith Bridge Road, north of M-72 East, fell victim to fire last Friday when someone accidentally started a blaze while trying to get rid of some caterpillars by using a blow torch. (May 30)

• Members of the Grayling Elementary safety patrol were recognized for outstanding performance this year at an assembly before their peers. (May 30)

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Leaves Grayling	7:00 a.m.
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SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2003

Trip #1:

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2003

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Departs Grayling: 9:00 a.m.

Arrives Back In Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

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2002: Year In Review – JUNE



Charlie's Third Annual Truck Show (June 6 edition)

- The Grayling Enhancement Committee received word that their "streetscape" grant had been approved. The grant contains over \$441,000 in federal funds, and just over \$361,000 in matching funds from the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Grayling. The money will be used to completely rework a portion of Grayling's I-75 Business loop, from the south expressway exit to M-72. (June 6)
- When the Grayling City Council adopted its budget for fiscal year 2002-03 it included \$105,000 for "community improvement," a 4% increase in water rates, \$598,000 for street and sidewalk projects, and funds for professional fees associated with the construction of a new city hall building. (June 6)
- The Crawford AuSable Preschool received accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. (June 6)
- The Grayling High School varsity baseball team won the Second Annual Alumni Baseball Game. (June 6)
- Slightly over seven percent of the registered voters turned out at the annual school election and returned incumbents Carol Ramaswamy and John "Jack" Pilon to the Crawford AuSable School District Board. (June 13)
- CSI Industrial Systems Corporation in Grayling closed its doors June 7, throwing 75 people out of work. (June 13)
- Former Grayling Middle School teacher, Kathryn Anne Olson, waived her right to a preliminary examination in 83rd District Court on June 6 and has been bound over for trial in 46th Circuit Court. (June 13)
- Grayling's American Youth Soccer Organization U-10 team recently finished its spring soccer season with an undefeated record. (June 13)
- Nearly two years have passed since a former Grayling teen center owner was first accused of sexual misconduct with an 18-year old. Michael Tironi will now face sentencing in the case following a "no contest" plea before the Honorable Dennis F. Murphy on June 10. (June 20)
- Last minute scrambles by local residents to file for write-in status resulted in new trustees for both COOR Intermediate School Board of Education and the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees. (June 20)
- The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is currently trying to find a way to address economic development needs in Crawford County – possibly through the hiring of an economic developer. (June 27)
- A \$2 million federal grant was recently approved for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to pay for AuSable River restoration projects, including a plan to lower the AuSable Millpond Dam at the city park up to one foot over the course of several years. (June 27)
- Following months of negotiations, the 46th Unified Trial Court has come to an agreement concerning funding and retirement benefits with Commissioners in Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego counties. (June 27)
- State officials have suspended the family day care license of a Grayling Township woman following an investigation of alleged criminal sexual conduct by a member of her household. (June 27)
- Grayling Little League's 11-12 year-old all-star baseball team recently took second in a June tournament. (June 27)

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Week #17 Winning Games

1. Minnesota (74)
2. NY Giants
3. New England
4. Washington
5. Buffalo
6. Cleveland
7. Tennessee
8. Carolina
9. Pittsburgh (65)
10. Indianapolis
11. NY Jets
12. Denver
13. Seattle
14. Oakland
15. Virginia
16. Wisconsin (59)

Weekly Prizes

- Sports Cap -- Scheer Motors
- Free 20 lb. Propane Cylinder Fill Up -- Fick & Son
- One Free Lunch an \$8.95 Value -- Grayling Holiday Inn
- \$50 -- Grayling Avalanche
- \$10 Gift Certificate -- Riverland Gear
- \$25 Gift Certificate -- Comfort Center
- One Free Extreme Mug -- 7- Eleven
- \$10 Gift Certificate -- Abel Auto
- One House Specialty Burrito a \$6.95 Value -- Gray Rock Cafe

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1. Indianapolis vs. NY Jets

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11. Indianapolis vs. NY Jets

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Game 2		Game 9		Game 16	
Game 3		Game 10			
Game 4		Game 11			
Game 5		Game 12		Tiebreaker 1 Game #1	
Game 6		Game 13		Tiebreaker 2 game #9	
Game 7		Game 14		Tiebreaker 3 game #16	

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breaker can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF **SHOW CAUSE HEARING** AND **JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING**
NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2002 real estate with unpaid 1998, 2000 and/or prior years property taxes was forfeited to the Crawford County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.

The State of Michigan is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on this property for unpaid property taxes.

There are two hearings scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for , January 15, 2003-January 31, 2003 at 608 S Washington, Lansing MI 48933.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A Judicial Foreclosure Hearing is scheduled for 9:00 AM, 02/06/03 at the 46th Circuit Court, 200 W Michigan Ave, Grayling MI 49738.

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the State of Michigan, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 02-5819-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the right to redeem this parcel from the foreclosure process by payment of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. You should contact the Crawford County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid within 21 days after judgment is entered in the foreclosure proceedings.

PLEASE NOTE :

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any undischarged, apparent, or potential title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are NOT being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is no procedure for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed may become available at public auction in July, September, and November of 2003. These parcels remain the property of their current owner until redemption rights have expired. No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The amount due listed indicates the balance which was due as of forfeiture on March 1, 2002. The current amount required to redeem must be obtained from the Crawford County Treasurer, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

Name	Parcel #	Amount	Name	Parcel #	Amount	Name	Parcel #	Amount
ABILITY BAIL BOND SERVICES AGENCY INC	050-019-004-420-00	\$2,954.95	EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK	040-42-012-15-260-00	\$914.59	NORTHWOOD LAND CO	031-021-010-005-02	\$355.55
ALAN J BROWN	010-14-400-00-002-00	\$276.40	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	OBERG, MICHELLE	070-182-005-001-00	\$965.15
BANCROFT, LISA MARIE	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	OLD KENT BANK	070-100-008-006-00	\$1,023.46
BANK ONE, N.A.	010-14-400-00-017-00	\$1,621.62	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	OPALINSKI, CHERYL D	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27
BATESON, SUSAN	070-100-016-010-00	\$6,062.98	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	OPALINSKI, VINCENT	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27
BATESON, SUSAN H	070-100-016-003-00	\$2,888.01	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	PATNODE, CHARLIE	050-020-005-020-00	\$979.55
BEARSS, GARY	020-028-001-032-00	\$710.07	FARMERS HOME ADM	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	PEDROTTE, LEO C	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$908.37
BEARSS, JERRY S	020-028-001-032-00	\$710.07	FIRST NATIONAL	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	PEDROTTE, MARGARETTE	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$908.37
BEARSS, RONALD E	020-028-001-032-00	\$710.07	FITZGERALD, MARK	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$748.82	PELTON, GEORGE	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30
BELL, MARLENE	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	FLAGSTAR BANK F.S.D.	062-020-016-040-07	\$451.63	PELTON, LINDA	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30
BELL, RAYMOND C	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	FORCE, TRACIE V	010-14-400-00-165-00	\$3,970.88	PERRY, KAREN E	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76
BIEHL, JERRY, TRUSTEE	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	FORD, JOYCE A	052-520-000-450-00	\$464.56	PERRY, WILLIAM D	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76
BIEHL, JERRY, TRUSTEE	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	FORD, LEONA E	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	PITTS, MARY	040-41-024-13-050-00	\$785.43
BIEHL, JERRY, TRUSTEE	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	FOSTER, RICHARD J	030-020-013-002-00	\$648.46	PIZZI, ANTHONY S	070-120-004-011-00	\$1,946.00
BIEHL, JERRY, TRUSTEE	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	FOSTER, RUTH M	030-020-013-002-00	\$648.46	PIZZI, GAYE	070-120-004-011-00	\$1,946.00
BISHOP, ROBERT D	064-160-000-005-00	\$425.47	FRANKLIN, JECZEN J	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$408.72	PIZZI, GAYE	070-132-001-001-04	\$2,141.56
BISHOP, SANDRA S	064-160-000-005-00	\$425.47	FRANKLIN, STEVEN P	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$408.72	POPE, BETTY L	050-019-011-285-00	\$538.16
BONDROFF, CHERYL A	052-520-000-383-00	\$336.00	FREGOLLE & FREGOLLE PC	050-019-004-120-00	\$1,071.77	POPE, MICHAEL G	050-019-011-285-00	\$538.16
BONDROFF, TIMOTHY	052-520-000-383-00	\$336.00	GLADWIN, JAY	052-520-000-540-00	\$553.44	PRESCOTT, BILL	062-020-016-040-07	\$451.63
BROWN, DIANE M	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	GRATHOFF, DAVID T	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	PRINCE, FELIX F	062-032-010-190-00	\$861.30
BROWN, DIANE M	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	GRATHOFF, DAWN M	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	PRINCE, PATRICIA G	062-032-010-190-00	\$861.30
BROWN, DIANE M	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	GREEN TREE FINANCIAL	020-019-014-035-00	\$1,261.40	RAY, GAIL S	010-13-024-13-020-06	\$1,088.69
BROWN, DIANE M	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	GREENPOINT CREDIT LLC	070-131-004-015-02	\$2,349.40	RAY, RONALD E	010-13-024-13-020-06	\$1,088.69
BROWN, J ALAN	010-14-400-00-002-00	\$276.40	GROSS, STEVEN D	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$408.72	RELIABLE SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT	070-100-008-006-00	\$1,023.46
BROWN, MRS J ALAN	010-14-400-00-002-00	\$276.40	HABBERT, DAVID	052-520-000-397-00	\$786.74	RHINEHART, WILLIAM R	052-520-000-540-00	\$553.44
BRYAN, OPAL	010-14-400-00-236-00	\$268.66	HABBERT, DAWN	052-520-000-397-00	\$786.74	ROBINSON, BARBARA	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$914.59
BRYAN, RAYMOND	010-14-400-00-236-00	\$268.66	HALL, AUSTIN E	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26	ROBINSON, EDWARD II	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$914.59
BURNETT, COLLIN K	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	HALL, CAROLINE, TRUSTE M	030-027-010-040-00	\$760.49	ROCKHOLD, ALBERT L	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78
CAMPBELL, DAVID	052-520-000-518-00	\$395.93	HALL, GERALDINE	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26	ROTH/DOTTS, CHERYL M	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$408.72
CAMPBELL, LYNDIA	052-520-000-518-00	\$395.93	HALSTEAD, KENNETH	030-011-001-109-00	\$816.31	SAPIEGA, CARL R	032-103-000-243-00	\$444.82
CAMPBELL, MICHAEL D	052-520-000-518-00	\$395.93	HARMER, TODD	040-45-283-00-135-00	\$487.74	SAPIEGA, FRANCES A	032-103-000-243-00	\$444.82
CARPENTER COOK CO	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	HARTWICK, CAROL A	031-011-006-180-00	\$777.59	SAWYER, NORBERTA M	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.99
CASE, SHAWN STARR	040-40-016-14-060-00	\$433.39	HARTWICK, JAMES F	031-011-006-180-00	\$777.59	SCHMIDTENDORFF, LINDA L, TRUSTEE OF THE THERON H	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.99
CHAPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	HINKLE, MEGHAN M	050-020-005-020-00	\$979.55	WHITE DECLARATION OF TRUST	070-100-008-003-00	\$4,884.05
CHAPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORP	051-002-009-055-00	\$1,573.37	SHAMOUN, KAREN	062-036-004-040-00	\$862.60
CHAPPEL, MRS RONALD G	032-102-000-194-00	\$399.41	HURST, PATRICIA C	031-011-006-146-00	\$701.84	SHEPLER, BETHLYN R	070-100-015-001-02	\$2,892.78
CHAPPEL, MRS. RONALD	031-011-006-146-00	\$701.84	IRS	051-002-009-055-00	\$1,573.37	SHEPLER, BETHLYN R	070-100-015-001-05	\$288.27
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	031-011-006-146-00	\$701.84	JOHNSON, RANDEE C	050-019-004-120-00	\$1,071.77	SHEPLER, JAMES H	070-100-015-001-02	\$2,892.78
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-102-000-194-00	\$399.41	JONES, JAMES M	064-830-000-027-00	\$781.81	SHEPLER, JAMES H	070-100-015-001-05	\$288.27
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	JONES, JOYCE M	064-830-000-027-00	\$781.81	SHILLIDAY, JOHN A	010-11-027-15-040-00	\$1,146.05
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	JOSEPH, MICHAEL	020-019-014-035-00	\$1,261.40	SHILLIDAY, LENA	010-11-027-15-040-00	\$1,146.05
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	JOSEPH, RENEE	020-019-014-035-00	\$1,261.40	SILVER FOX ENTERPRISES, INC.	070-100-008-003-00	\$4,884.05
CHAPPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	JUNTILA, DAWN M	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$748.82	SKORSKI, MARTIN E	040-41-036-06-025-00	\$366.50
CHAPPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	JUNTILA, JOHN N	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$748.82	SMITH, BRUCE	070-110-000-018-00	\$992.16
CHAPPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	KIMBALL, GLEN	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	SMITH, CORRINE	070-110-000-018-00	\$992.16
CHUPAILO, ALFRED	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	KNIESPECK, MICHAEL	050-031-010-080-00	\$2,970.97	SOUTHARD, CECILIA	070-110-000-013-00	\$2,691.57
CHUPAILO, ALVENA	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	KNIESPECK, SPAN	050-031-010-080-00	\$2,970.97	SOUTHARD, CECILIA	070-110-000-018-00	\$992.16
CHUPAILO, GREG	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	KOBEL, H A	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	SOUTHARD, CECILIA	070-110-001-001-00	\$7,906.50
CHUPAILO, MRS ALFRED	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	KOBEL, HENRY W	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	SOUTHARD, STEPHEN	070-110-000-013-00	\$2,691.57
CITIFINANCIAL INC	040-40-007-08-060-00	\$2,191.60	KOBEL, HOWARD S	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	SOUTHARD, STEPHEN	070-110-000-018-00	\$992.16
CITIZENS BANK	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$908.37	KOGELMAN, CYNTHIA S	030-002-006-120-00	\$1,614.41	SOUTHARD, STEPHEN	070-110-001-001-00	\$7,906.50
CONKLIN, CAROL	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	KOGELMAN, RANDALL	030-002-006-120-00	\$1,614.41	STEPHEN TWOREK ETAL	040-43-033-07-020-00	\$654.05
CONKLIN, CAROL	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	LABEAN, LARRY L	064-161-000-040-00	\$931.19	SWAN FAMILY LTD	050-019-004-120-00	\$1,071.77
CONKLIN, KENNETH	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	LASH, LLEANA	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30	SY, ALFRED	064-830-000-027-00	\$781.81
CONKLIN, KENNETH	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	LEE, FERN	070-132-001-001-04	\$2,141.56	SY, FLORENCE	064-830-000-027-00	\$781.81
CONKLIN, THELMA S	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	LEHMAN, CAROL	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26	THERON H WHITE TRUST	070-100-008-003-00	\$4,884.05
CONSECO ACCEPTANCE, GREEN TREE NKA	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78	LIAKOS, ARTHUR	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30	THERRIEN, TRACIE VIOLET	010-14-400-00-165-00	\$3,970.88
CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP, GREEN TREE	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78	LIAKOS, EUGENE	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30	THOMPSON, ANGELA	050-004-001-020-06	\$1,402.25
FINANCIAL KNA	040-40-007-08-060-00	\$2,191.60	LOVE, DEBORAH K	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	THOMPSON, CHRISTOPHER	050-004-001-020-06	\$1,402.25
CONSECO, GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERV NKA	050-020-005-020-00	\$979.55	LOVE, KEVIN E	032-102-000-194-00	\$399.41	TIRONI, MARY	070-100-008-006-00	\$1,023.46
CONSECO, GREEN TREE NKA	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$914.59	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	TITCHENELL, DONALD	062-036-012-020-00	\$976.83
CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$1,877.54	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	TITCHENELL, DONALD R	062-036-012-030-01	\$668.78
CORBIN, DEBORAH K	010-14-400-00-017-00	\$1,621.62	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$1,877.54	TITCHENELL, E L JR	062-036-012-030-01	\$668.78
CORBIN, DEBORAH K	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY	070-120-004-011-00	\$1,946.00	TITCHENELL, ETHELYN L	062-036-012-030-01	\$668.78
CORBIN, RICK V	010-14-400-00-017-00	\$1,621.62	MASTRANTONIO, JOHN BERNARD	010-13-013-14-300-00	\$307.20	TITCHENELL, PATSY	062-036-012-020-00	\$976.83
CORBIN, RICK V	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	MASTRANTONIO, MRS. JOHN B	010-13-013-14-300-00	\$307.20	TWOREK, STEPHEN	040-43-033-07-020-00	\$654.05
CRAFT, GLEN	040-40-010-07-100-00	\$406.50	MATTHEWS, KAY	040-42-012-15-260-00	\$914.59	VALDEZ, JUAN J	030-010-014-022-00	\$362.08
CRAWFORD COUNTY	070-100-016-010-00	\$6,062.98	MAY, ERNEST S	010-11-027-15-040-00	\$1,146.05	VALDEZ, SHARI L	030-010-014-022-00	\$362.08
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	070-100-015-001-02	\$2,892.78	MCCLEAN, RONALD	040-43-033-07-020-00	\$654.05	VINTON, LORRAINE K, TRUSTEE OF THE THERON H WHITE	070-100-008-003-00	\$4,884.05
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION + COMMUNITY	070-100-015-001-02	\$2,892.78	MCCLEAN, TAMMY	040-40-010-07-100-00	\$406.50	DECLARATION OF TRUST	070-100-008-003-00	\$4,884.05
DEVE	040-40-031-03-120-00	\$280.86	MCKEE, DAVID P	052-520-000-636-00	\$396.43	VSOSKE, JANICE	030-027-010-040-00	\$760.49
DAUGHERTY, PAUL M, TRUSTEE OF THE NORMA E	010-13-024-13-020-06	\$1,088.69	MCWILLIAMS, DUANE	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26	VSOSKE, KAY	030-027-010-040-00	\$760.49
DAUGHTERY REV LIV TRUST	010-13-024-13-020-06	\$1,088.69	MCWILLIAMS, HELEN	064-640-000-006				

LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan A. Boardman and Robert F. Boardman, a married man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 1995, and recorded on November 15, 1995 in Liber 403 on Page 201 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Two and 32/100 dollars (\$48,122.32), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002
For information, please call:
Team C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200113993
Team C

-19-26-02-09-16

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence Spicer and Valerie Spicer, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety (original mortgagors) to Rock Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 29, 1999, and recorded on August 12, 1999 in Liber 488 on Page 281 in Crawford County Records Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated July 29, 1999, which was recorded on July 31, 2001, in Liber 0545 on Page 408 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eight and 85/100 dollars (\$95,708.85), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 15, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 5, 2002
For information, please call:
Team X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200232414
Team X

-05-12-19-26-02

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rick V. Corbin and Deborah K. Corbin, his wife FNA Rick V. Corbin and Deborah K. Love to Continmortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 8, 1998, and recorded on October 21, 1998, in Liber 466, on page 43 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-4, Agreement dated 12-17-98, by an assignment dated February 15, 2001, and recorded on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, on page 552 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty three thousand three hundred fifty seven and 19/100 dollars (\$43,357.19), including interest at 11.450% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m., on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lots #229 and #230, Northern Heights, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
(248) 540-7701
Manufacturers & Traders
Trust Company, Trustee for

Securitization Series 1998-4,
Agreement dated December 17, 1998
Assignee for Mortgage

-19-26-02-09

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy L. Meyers (original mortgagors) to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 24, 1999, and recorded on July 6, 1999 in Liber 485 on Page 256 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated July 9, 1999, which was recorded on August 10, 1999, in Liber 487 on Page 602 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Seven and 08/100 dollars (\$53,167.08), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 14, Block 5, Karen Woods Subdivision, and commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 16, Block 5, Karen Woods thence East on said Lot line 22 feet thence South parallel with said Lot 82.5 feet thence West 22 feet thence North on said Lot line 82.5 feet to the point of beginning according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 44 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002
For information, please call:
Team S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200233544
Team S

-19-26-02-09-16

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott Michels a married man and Kim Michels his wife (original mortgagors) to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2001, and recorded on November 7, 2001 in Liber 0559 on Page 167 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine and 34/100 dollars (\$70,429.34), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Northeasterly one-half of Lots 11 and 12, Block 13, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002
For information, please call:
Team S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200219390
Team S

-26-02-09-16

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl D. Reid, a married man and Joann

Reid, his wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 1998, and recorded on December 29, 1998 in Liber 470 on Page 537 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated October 2, 1999, which was recorded on March 7, 2000, in Liber 502 on Page 536 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One and 16/100 dollars (\$42,151.16), including interest at 7.150% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 9, Pine Grove Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. According to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 58, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002
For information, please call:
Team J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200234122
Team J

-26-02-09-16-23

STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 02-5792-CH
Anthony J. Ballingash and
Ruth M. Ballingash, Plaintiffs
v
William H. Parker and
Tonya L. Parker, Defendants

Notice of Land Contract Foreclosure by Sale

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 16th day of July, 2002, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 31st day of January, 2003 at 10:00, in the forenoon, the following described property located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit:

The West 4.94 acres of the East 15 acres of the North 30 acres of Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

Dated: December 9, 2002
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.
By: William L. Carey (P31602)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Box 665
Grayling, Michigan 49738
989-348-5232

-19-26-02-09-16-23

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Valerie Spicer and Lawrence Spicer, Wife and Husband (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 3, 2001, and recorded on August 9, 2001 in Liber 0548 on Page 261 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine and 54/100 dollars (\$28,009.54), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 12, 2002
For information, please call:
Team J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200232654
Team J

-12-19-26-02-09

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith A. Miller and Silvana E. Miller, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Centex Home Equity Corporation, mortgagee, dated January 28, 2000 and recorded March 2, 2000 in Liber 502, Page 342, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two and 32/100 Dollars (\$55,262.32) including interest at the rate of 11.5% per annum.

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jayson S. Weiser, a married man and Michelle R. Weiser, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2001, and recorded on August 16, 2001 in Liber 549 on Page 641 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Nine and 67/100 dollars (\$166,509.67), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 21, Town 27 North, Range 3 West; thence South 01 degree 13 minutes West, 2652.96 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes West, 1303.59 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 01 degree 06 minutes 35 seconds East, 275 feet; thence North 74 degrees 15 minutes 11 seconds 35 seconds East, 275 feet; thence North 74 degrees 15 seconds East, 75 feet; thence South 25 degrees 16 minutes 19 seconds West, 381.60 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes West 350 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 12, 2002
For information, please call:
Team X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200232413
Team X

-12-19-26-02-09

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Denise M. English, a single woman and David L. Demara, a married man to Source One Mortgage Services Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1995, and recorded on October 9, 1995, in Liber 401, on page 164, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, by an assignment dated February 1, 1999, and recorded on April 26, 1999, in Liber 479, on Page 585, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$36,895.00), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the Court Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on January 8, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, excepting 33 feet off the West side for road purposes. (Tax #20-041-025-004-120-00).

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 22, 2002
GMAC Mortgage Corporation
Mortgagee
Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
30300 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 222
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

-05-12-19-26-02

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith A. Miller and Silvana E. Miller, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Centex Home Equity Corporation, mortgagee, dated January 28, 2000 and recorded March 2, 2000 in Liber 502, Page 342, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two and 32/100 Dollars (\$55,262.32) including interest at the rate of 11.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the

mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Lot 4, Block 4 "Martha M. Brink's Addition" according to the plat thereof, being part of Lot 4, Block 4, Martha M. Brink's Addition, excepting the East 50.5 feet thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002
Orlans Associates PC
Attorneys for Centex Home
Equity Corporation, As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 195.0212

-26-02-09-16-23

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Smith and Bonnie M. Smith husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 1993, and recorded on November 17, 1993 in Liber 369 on Page 69 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Fifty-Five and 19/100 dollars (\$43,055.19), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3 and 4, Block 6, Martha M. Brinks 2nd Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002
For information, please call:
Team C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200233284
Team C

-26-02-09-16

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deborah K. Corbin and Rick V. Corbin, wife and husband, to Bank One, N.A., mortgagee, dated April 28, 2000 and recorded June 6, 2000 in Liber 0509, Page 202, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$13,904.67) including interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 17, 18 and 19, Plat of Northern Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 27 of Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002
Orlans Associates PC
Attorneys for Bank One, N.A.
As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 224.0507

-26-02-09-16-23

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE 2003

Township Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
Zoning Board of Appeals meets the 3rd Monday of each month.
Planning Commission meets the last Tuesday of each month.

All regularly scheduled meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Grayling Township Hall Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way unless a change is posted.

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION 500 HURON STREET P.O. BOX 648 GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

2003 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE HELD AT THE ROAD COMMISSION OFFICE 10:00 A.M.

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago January 3, 1980

The Grayling Rotary Club has pledged \$650 to the ambulance fund in Crawford County in memory of Clyde Borchers.

The drawing for door prizes given during the Grayling Mercantile's Pre-Christmas Sale was held last week. Curt Jansen, Downtown Merchants Association President, drew the names of the lucky winners which included William Jack Millikin, Keith Hudson, Heidi Morrill and Pearl Tucker.

Senior guard Karen Hanson, who led the Viking cage squad to a 7-14 record this season, was named Saturday to the Detroit Free Press honorable mention team. Karen, who starred both offensively and defensively for this year's team, was recently a first team selection on the Michigan Huron Shores basketball squad. She averaged 15 points per game and led the team in assists.

William E. Hartig of Grayling received a Letter of Appreciation from the U.S. Navy. At the present time Bill is on a five months Mediterranean Cruise aboard the U.S.S. Savannah which will take him to several different countries.

"The Night of January

Sixteenth" an explosive courtroom drama, will be presented by the Grayling High School Players on January 12 and 13. Cast members include Sue Prause, John Watkins, Alicia Taylor, Tim Taylor, Ronda Morford, Steve Kucharek, Larry Goodale, Pam York, Mark Hamilton, Gussy Konopnicki, Robert Kesteloot, George Morse, Paula Dosch, Shelia Burpee and John Gardiner.

Grayling High's unbeaten Viking cage squad will try to keep its streak alive when it travels to Rogers City to face the Hurons. Grayling is clinging to a one game lead in the league race over Gaylord.

Airman William C. Bye of Frederic, has been named outstanding squadron airman of the quarter at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri.

46 Years Ago January 3, 1957

A new survey of retail business activity in Crawford County reveals increased earnings and freer spending on the part of the public.

The Grayling Sportsman's Club has purchased 40 acres of property next to the Winter Sports Park. It is expected that work will start soon with the

cutting of timber for the new clubhouse. The club expects to make a community park and recreation center with a large picnic area, play ground, shooting range for skeet and trap, archery range and tournament casting pond.

Ne officers to be installed at the next meeting of the Kiwanis Club include Joseph Stripe, J. Lorne Douglas, Dr. E. Elmore Henig, Arthur Goodrich, W. Donald Wood and Richard DuBois.

Connie Lou Millikin of Beaver Creek placed third in the Snow Bowl Queen contest at Houghton Lake High School last Saturday.

The City of Grayling named the winners of the Christmas lighting contest. Winning the residential prize was Harry Krumrei. Rochette Brothers Shell Service won in the business class.

69 Years Ago January 4, 1934

New Year's Day is generally known as the Frenchmen's holiday and is the occasion for much celebration. One French family enjoyed the day together, that of Mr. and Mrs. David LaMotte.

A nice crowd was at hand and enjoyed the dance at the Temple Theatre last Saturday. These parties are continuing weekly on Saturday nights.

The new 1934 Buick is on

display at the Schoonover Garage. Come and see it.

This year's candidates for the Winter Sports Carnival Queen include Lucille Larson, Estella Larson, Lula Malonen, Elna Mae Sorenson, Muriel DeLaMater, Pauline Lietz, Nadine McNeven, Helen Brady, Elaine McDonnell, Thelma Chappel, Beverly Schiabe, Matilda Engel, Ruth Chamberlain-Ward, Virginia Kraus, Zonella Wells, Jennie Lee Raymond, Reva Burke, and Florence Kellogg.

The decorating committee for the Queen's Ball are asking Grayling families to save their Christmas trees. The trees will be picked up on January 3, and will be used for decorating the Queen's Ball in the school gymnasium.

January 1st saw a high temperature of 16 degrees, and 14 inches of snow on the ground.

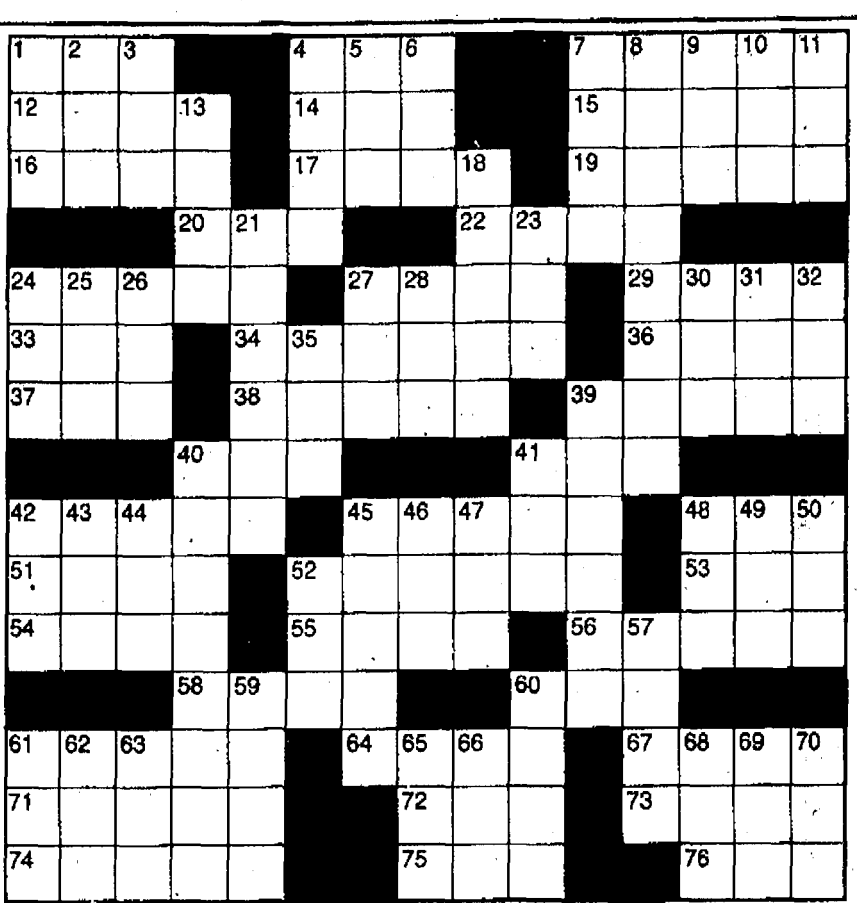
92 Years Ago January 5, 1911

The township board have accepted the resignation of John F. Hum as Supervisor. Adelbert Taylor has been appointed to fill the unexpired term.

G.L. Alexander has the interior of his office refurbished where it was injured by fire.

Sheriff Amidon was moving out of the jail residence and Sheriff Elect Benedict is moving in the first of the week.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

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- Kith's Partner
- Capricious
- Dish of many ingredients
- snail's pace (2 wds.)
- Uncanny
- Raise children
- Three make up a tsp.
- Sound from Mary's pet
- Sheep
- Will-o'-the-_____
- Like smiling eyes
- Very sharp
- Hasty flights
- Shallow skillet
- It might be hidden
- Exile isle
- Dollar bill
- Thrust forward
- Chinese, e.g.
- Chained item in a bank
- Cookie, to Alexander
- Derides
- Sumrise
- Cherry seed
- One of "The Three Sisters"
- Symbol
- Shakespearean confusion
- Blemish
- Suggestive
- Provide money for
- Biting flavor

- Pilot's heading: abbr.
- Many are mined in Australia
- Sundance's Place
- Author Caleb
- Rent out again
- _____ and caboodle
- It comes before jerk or socks
- Model-plane wood
- Yoko _____
- Sneezy's pal

DOWN

- Trygve Lie's homeland: abbr.
- Flamenco shout
- Travel term
- Porter's "Kiss Me" girl
- "Baby, _____ Cold Outside"
- Siesta
- Donald's toe connectors
- Without defenses
- High dudgeon
- Mamma _____
- Hardened, as concrete
- Raw metals
- Stockholmer
- Minke and sei, e.g.
- Once _____ blue moon (2 wds.)
- _____ Jimma, Japan
- Director Howard
- Between Harry and Jack
- Author Follett

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



RECIPE OF THE WEEK CaliforniaCling Peach Sorbet

2 cans (15 oz. each) California Cling Peaches, in light syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla

At least 24 hours in advance, place unopened cans of peaches in freezer to freeze solid (can may bulge slightly). Remove cans from freezer; submerge in hot water for 30 to 60 seconds. Open cans and pour any thawed syrup into a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Remove frozen peaches from can, cut into chunks

and place in food processor. Add vanilla. Process until smooth, scraping blade as needed. Serve immediately or spoon into freezer container, cover, and freeze until ready to serve.

Helpful Hints

- Sorbet can be made in advance and stored in a tightly sealed container. Simply let stand at room temperature for 10 minutes before serving.
- Unopened cans of fruit may stay in freezer up to one year.

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

DID YOU KNOW

Ebenezer is a Hebrew term meaning stone of help.

HIDDEN PICTURE

Color in each space that contains a letter.

Adopt a Pet

Bob appears to be mostly yellow lab, someone has docked his tail though. He is 1 1/2 to 2 years old and very friendly. Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal_director@yahoo.com.

The response to our latest fund-raisers has been wonderful: Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly are big hits! We have sold out of the Ocean-Opoly game, but a few of the others are still available. These games are fun while being educational and make great gifts, or to just chase away cabin fever. Cost is \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. and at the Avalanche office. "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy. The support of this community has allowed for many upgrades at the shelter in 2002. Stay tuned for details!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 2, 2003

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19
The color green plays a significant role in your life this week. It could signal a financial windfall or a jealous friend.

ARIES
March 21-April 19
Red is everywhere at work, reminding you to be cautious. Pay attention to areas you would normally overlook and take your time working out the details of a project.

CANCER
June 22-July 22
Shades of blue soothe you as you sort through a difficult dilemma. Be patient and the answer will come.

LIBRA
September 23-October 22
Black is the key to resolving a problem that has been building for quite some time. You will need to use every resource available to resolve it.

AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18
Something teal reminds you of a special occasion. Invite some friends over and celebrate the event over dinner.

TAURUS
April 20-May 20
Purple provokes passion and richness in your life. Share them with a friend who is feeling down.

LEO
July 23-August 22
You receive something pink that pleases your senses. Express your appreciation and return the favor when least expected.

SCORPIO
October 23-November 21
Orange is the spice of life. Add touches of it to your surroundings, and you'll be feeling re-energized in no time.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21
White reveals all. Someone you thought was a friend is not, who friends you were counting on to help you at home make other plans.

PISCES
February 19-March 20
Shades of brown surround you. Take them not as you want to see them but as they really are—signs that you should make changes in your life.

GEMINI
May 21-June 21
Yellow, the color of cheer, is lacking in a young friend's life. Find out what is wrong and help them resolve the problem. Then go out and celebrate.

VRGO
August 23-September 22
Your life is full of gray areas—you can't seem to make up mind about anything. Focus on one issue at a time, do some research and make an informed decision.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
12/24	24	15	1
12/25	27	17	
12/26	27	24	
12/27	34	14	
12/28	35	19	
12/29	38	19	
12/30	35	28	trace

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 30	High 25	High 24	High 29	High 30	High 29
Low 14	Low 9	Low 10	Low 18	Low 14	Low 11
Rain/Freezing Rain/Wind	Rain	Rain/Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Light Snow

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.30 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.40 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

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Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

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NINE APARTMENTS and Living Quarters and four nice motel units with Jacuzzi's. \$40,000 down. Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

IN SHERWOOD FOREST Home for sale. Five bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Kitchen, dining, living and rec rooms, metal roof, new septic field, newer furnace, and wood burner, refrigerator, washer/dryer. Call Helena Gasser (989) 348-7330. (-2/1)

SALE BY OWNER COMMERCIAL BUILDING on I-75 Bus. Loop, 1750 sq. ft., HVAC, 220 3 phase, 2 restrooms. Presently a restaurant. Call 517-422-4681

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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

1. Real Estate

1998 16 X 80 three bedroom, two bath. \$13,800 Delivery available. (231) 947-6381 (-2/1)

2. For Rent

OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE for rental, 1,200 sq. ft., immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02tf/2)

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT No pets. Old 27 north, Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (8/22/02tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME Inquire at Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (10/10/02tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent, no pets. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park, I-75 Business Loop North. (11/21/02tf/2)

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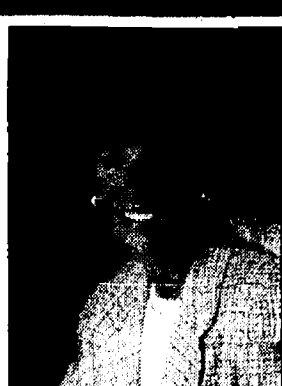
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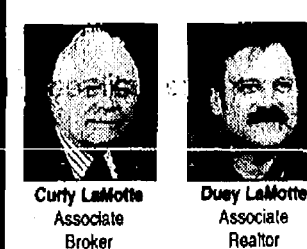
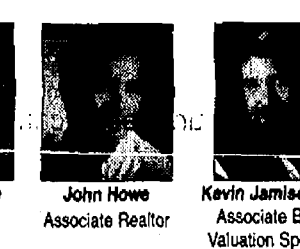
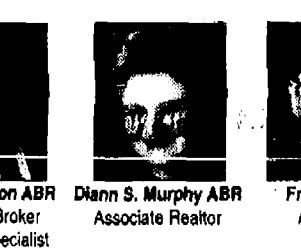
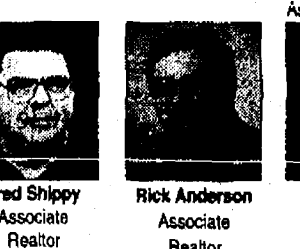
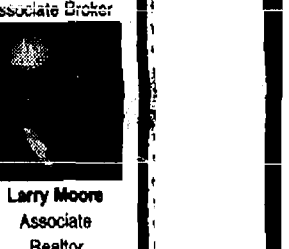
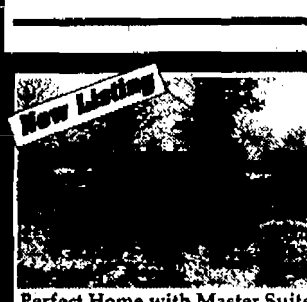
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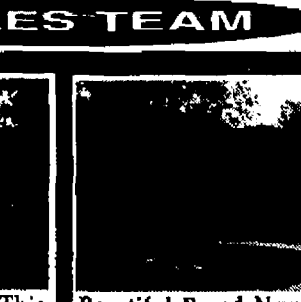
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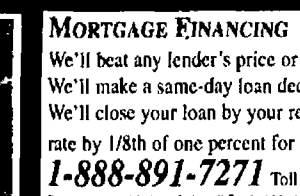
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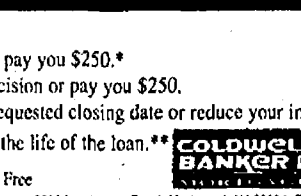
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Mobile Home on 2.5 Acres!
Very affordable 2 BR, 1 bath
home with 2.5 acres. Just minutes
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South Branch. Could be used as
year-round, rental, or weekend
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miles from Roscommon, this
3BR, 1 bath home is just off a
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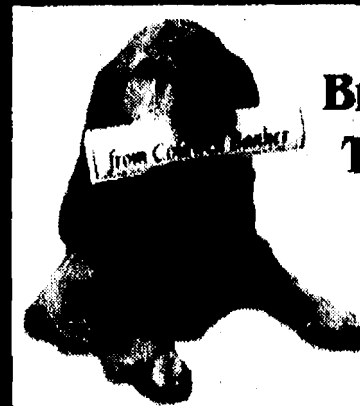
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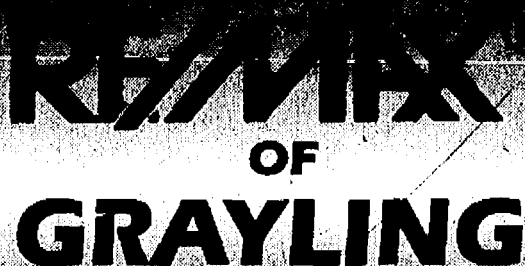


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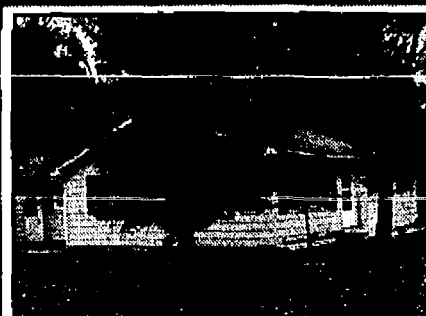
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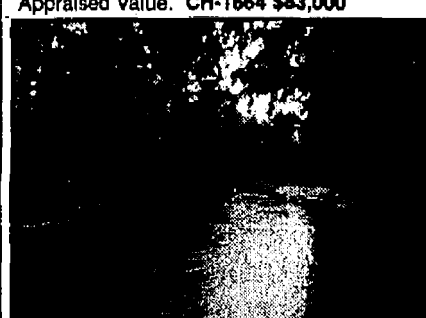
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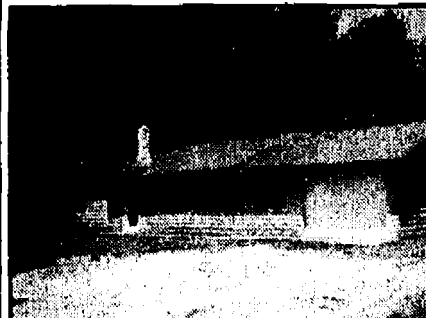
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washers, To include stove, refrigerator, dish-
washer, washer & dryer. Listed below
Appraised Value. CH-1664 \$83,000



**150' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE
RIVER!** 10.08 acres. Prime building site
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home located on blacktop county maintained
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interior, and furnace. Spotless condition offer-
ing immediate possession. Priced Below
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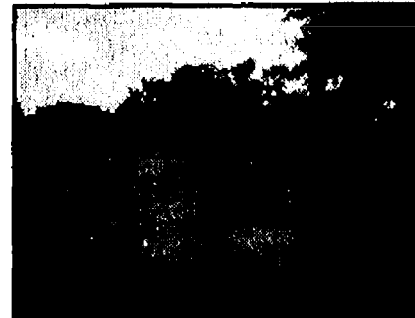
LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS cedar sided
1,400 s.f. Home, 3 B/R, 2 baths, master B/R
suite with walk-in wardrobe and entertainment
center. Vaulted knotty pine beamed ceiling in
great room. Kitchen has custom hickory cabi-
nets and ceramic tile flooring and counter
tops. Two doorways onto brick patio, split rail
fence w/brick pillars, landscaped yard w/sprink-
ling system. Brick sidewalk, and planters.
To include dishwasher, garbage disposal,
micro, stove, and refrigerator. CH-1376
\$139,900



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and bathroom. 12 x 24 patio, 8 x 10 storage
building, large pond. Two R.V. hook-ups,
Ausable River 1/4 mile over state land. 3 heat-
ed deer blinds, two tree stands, two frost-free
water hydrants. Thousands of Acres of state for-
est land out your back door. Private drive with
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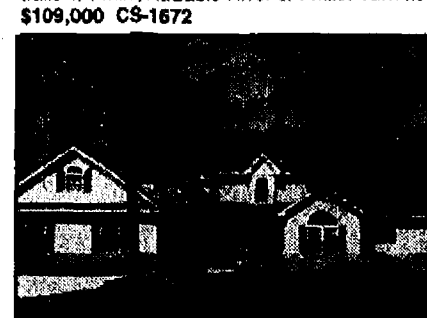
**SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR AN
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948 s.f. with 3 bedroom, 1 bath, full base-
ment with laundry. Large updated kitchen
has pantry and floating snack bar. Home is
ready to move into. Enclosed porch on
front. Double lot with all the city services
and convenient to stores, churches,
schools etc. CS-1611 \$59,000



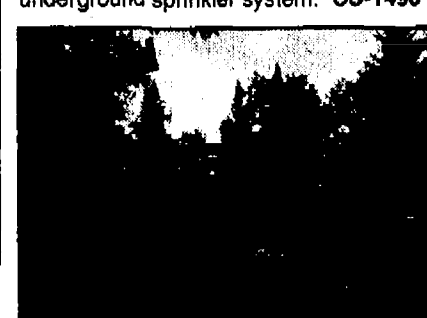
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combination. Kitchen offers lots of cabinets.
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churches, etc. Bank selling as is condition
with \$3,000 floor allowance! CS-1629
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bath. Armstrong tongue and groove hardwood
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room, den, large utility room, fenced
yard, double lot, newer vinyl siding,
roof and windows. CS-1585 \$82,000



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suite with walk-in wardrobe and entertainment
center. Vaulted knotty pine beamed ceiling in
great room. Kitchen has custom hickory cabi-
nets and ceramic tile flooring and counter
tops. Two doorways onto brick patio, split rail
fence w/brick pillars, landscaped yard w/sprink-
ling system. Brick sidewalk, and planters.
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1. A bachelors degree with a course study emphasis in solid waste management and/or environmental engineering or regulation, or,
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The Crawford County Road Commission is seeking candidates for the position of an Administrative Clerk.

Applicant should have as a minimum, three years of administrative support experience where use of a personal computer to prepare correspondence, reports, or to enter/retrieve/update information was an essential part of the work. Two years of professional experience in carrying out or auditing the systematic classification and evaluation of accounting data and the preparation of related financial and managerial reports.

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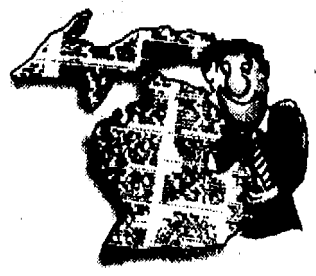
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Very nice, clean, not worn out by any means!
#19465-1
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Highline 4 DR., auto, air, power options, really nice!
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Clean Cars Under \$10,000 Cont.

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Blowout Price \$23,988 Not a Mistake!
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Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!
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Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1998 FORD EXPLORER**
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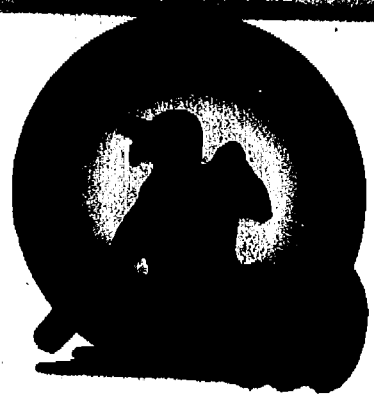
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For one man, time away from home was worth it

► Frederic man played important role in Operation Enduring Freedom

by Robert Hayes
Army & Air Force
Hometown News Service

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — A year after the United States began its military operation to free Afghanistan from the Taliban's oppressive rule, the son of a Frederic woman continues to play an important role in helping to keep American service members safe in a still dangerous land.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. William Thompson, son of Laura Thompson of Frederic, is deployed to this isolated, dust-ridden outpost in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He and the more than 4,000 other service members deployed to this former Soviet air base work in a wide variety of jobs, ranging from construction engineers to helicopter crew members.

Thompson works on base as the chief supply and logistics supervisor for the base.

"I'm in charge of making sure the base is supplied with its needed supplies — everything from food to vehicle parts," said Thompson.

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Photos by Derrick C. Goode

Under the supervision of Sgt. Maj. William Thompson, U.S. service members unpack their gear after returning from a combat patrol in Afghanistan. American servicemen constantly patrol the perimeter of the Bagram Air Base to identify any potential threat to the base and its populace.

Community donations help make toy drive best ever

► About 1,300 toys, \$1,200 donated to local Toys for Tots

by Cheryl Ruley
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Just when Marianne Gosnell thought she may have to dip into her Toys for Tots account to help make up for projected shortages, the community came through in a tremendous way, filling collection boxes with about 1,300 toys and making monetary donations of \$1,193 just in time for the 2002 Christmas toy distribution.

Gosnell said she has been very frugal since the Crawford County Toys for Tots program began four years ago, making sure she is never short of gifts for local kids in need. She has very little overhead because the national campaign provides her with posters, letterhead, collection boxes and supplemental toys and she refuses to accept the mileage reimbursement offered by the Marine Corps. She is a true volunteer.

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County seeks new environmentalist

► Headed for the U.P., Monitor Merrill may prove hard to replace

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After more than five years serving as Crawford County's chief environmental watchdog, Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill is heading north to the Upper Peninsula.

Merrill has accepted a dual position in Ironwood with Gogebic County as its Community Development Coordinator and Economic Development Corporation director. He is scheduled to leave Crawford County on January 17 and begin in Ironwood just three days later.

Merrill officially informed the County Board of Commissioners on December 18 of his departure. The Board agreed it could not match the substantial pay increase and benefits Merrill will receive in Ironwood.

"We really regret we can't pay Pat (Merrill) more," County Chairman Scott Hanson said. "But, there just isn't any additional funds to keep him here. It is a shame we are losing a very talented and dedicated person."

Gogebic County is about to gain a very valuable asset."

Hanson said Merrill literally created the position of Environmental Monitor when he was hired over five years ago as a result of a lawsuit concerning the local landfill. Merrill's job was to monitor activity at the landfill and address other environmental issues in the county.

Since his hiring, Merrill has worked with Grayling Township and others to create and manage an award-winning recycling program. He developed and has made successful an annual Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire collection day to help eliminate dumping in local wooded areas and rivers.

Merrill has served as Chairman of the award-winning Emergency Planning Committee, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Perhaps his favorite project, one he hates to leave behind, is the Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project, of which he has served as chair since its inception three years ago. Phase I is now near completion, but the big project of restoring the Hatchery building will be left to

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See "COUNTY SEEKS..."

United Way reaches half-way mark

Sixteen local agencies will benefit greatly from this year's Crawford County United Way campaign. Recent pledges from two of the county's largest employers have pushed contributions past the 50 percent mark of the \$60,000 goal.

Teresa Money, Community Liaison for Mercy Hospital Grayling said payroll deduction pledges added to hospital contributions will total just shy of \$9,000. Over 100 employees and medical staff members are participating. A separate donation will be given to the Roscommon County United Way.

"Mercy Hospital Grayling and our team of dedicated employees and medical staff are very pleased to support our local United Way campaigns that benefit so many in our community," Money said. "It's just one way we are able to give back to the communities we serve."

Weyerhaeuser Company will add approximately \$5,000 in combined employee payroll deductions, corporate matches and gifts.

"We are so pleased with these pledges and the generosity of businesses and their employees," said United Way President Linda Gohnick. "Receiving word of these contributions is



Photo by Linda Gohnick

Mercy Hospital Grayling's Community Liaison Teresa Money (left) and Weyerhaeuser's Human Resource Manager Chad Kelly are happy to add two more hearts to the United Way goal sign. Donations and grants from Weyerhaeuser and Mercy Hospital Grayling recently pushed the growing total past 50 percent.

quite a boost for the organization and all the agencies which benefit. Without this community support we couldn't help so many people."

To make a donation to the Crawford County United Way, mail a check or money order to: P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738. Donations are 100 per-

cent tax-deductible.

For more information on the local campaign, call (989) 344-9300 or e-mail: ccuw2002@yahoo.com.

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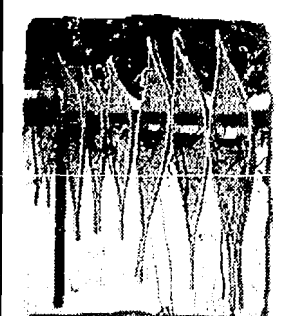
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She added, "My husband, Mike, and I are still in pretty good health and there are some things we would still like to do before that all may change. I will miss the people I have been working with, and the challenges of the job, but now it is time to go."

County seeks new environmentalist

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whoever fills Merrill's shoes.

Hanson said he feels it will be tough to find a replacement for Merrill in a short amount of time. The job calls for a community-minded individual with a Bachelor of Science degree in Solid Waste Management or an

environmental field, knowledge of Public Act 451, and the ability to work with many different people, including the public and government officials, on many ongoing projects at one time.

Merrill said he hopes the right candidate comes forward before he leaves for the U.P. to allow for

training.

If not, Merrill has agreed to help Crawford County on a contracted basis if needed.

"Even though I am leaving, I don't want to leave the county in the lurch," Merrill said. I have loved my time here -- it has been great. I see a bright future for

Crawford County, especially with the economic opportunities possible with Brownfield Redevelopment."

He added, "But I am ready for a change." Applications are due January 7 by 3 p.m. to Controller Paul Compo, at the county building.

County Board to be sworn in this Thursday

Two new Crawford County Commissioners, along with five re-elected last fall, will take their oath of office at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, January 2 at the Courthouse on Michigan Avenue

in Grayling. The public is welcome at this short ceremony.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore will perform the ceremony, call-

ing Harold Golnick, Shelley Pinkelman, Lynnette Corlew, Scott Hanson, Dave Stephenson, Rick Anderson and Terry Beardslee to their elected seats on the County Board.

The annual organizational meeting will follow at 10 a.m., where the chairman and vice chairman are elected by the Board, as well as committee assignments are made.

Old radio tower comes down

► After 65 years of service, State Police say good bye to landmark

At a special ceremony on December 17 in Houghton Lake, the Michigan State Police (MSP) and local community members bade farewell to a landmark radio tower that has stood in northern Michigan for over six decades.

The Houghton Lake Radio Tower was the final tower left standing from the 65-year old MSP radio system that was recently replaced by the new, state-of-the-art Michigan's Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS).

"The Houghton Lake tower was not only a landmark in the northern Michigan region, but was also a land-based lighthouse for motorists and boaters alike,"

said First Lieutenant David Mertz, commander of the MSP Houghton Lake Post.

"The landscape will certainly not be the same without the tower."

In 1929, the MSP established the first state police radio system in the country. When construction of a permanent Houghton Lake Post was authorized in 1936, plans included erection of the tower to augment the East Lansing Headquarters radio and serve as a relay point. It was the third tower built for the legacy system following East Lansing and Paw Paw.

Construction began in 1936 with sections of the tower being hauled from Saginaw by Northern Motor Express, a trucking company owned by local resident Lester Stuck. His son, Lee, who still lives at Houghton Lake accompanied his father on the transport.

Completed in 1937, and work-

ing just into the FM band, the Houghton Lake radio station was known as WRDH. At the time of its construction, the tower became famous, as it was the tallest tower for police broadcasting in the United States and, at 325 feet, the tallest point above sea level in Michigan.

The tower was also a critical component to MSP communications for decades. By ordering the flip of a toggle switch at the Houghton Lake Post, East Lansing could convey its radio signal to the Upper Peninsula. That switch remained operational at the front desk until the mid-1970s.

Several other counties throughout Michigan, including eight in the Upper Peninsula, are also making plans to join the system in the near future. Even so, a piece of history has been laid to rest.

For more information on the old tower or the new MPSCS system, contact F/Lt. David Mertz of the Houghton Lake Post at (989) 422-5101 or e-mail: mertzdt@michigan.gov.

not only one of the most technologically advanced communications systems in the nation, but is also the first network to provide true interoperability between all public safety agencies throughout the state.

Currently, there are 210 public safety agencies with more than 8,800 radios on the system including northern Michigan public safety agencies located in Alpena, Clare, Iosco, Manistee, Mason, Oceana, and Otsego counties.

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Local blood drive scheduled for January 8

► Red Cross says there is a demand for more Type "O" blood donors

A Crawford County Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, January 8 at the American Legion Hall on James Street in Grayling.

This drive is sponsored by Camp Grayling's M.A.T.E.S. personnel and will run from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m.

There is a great need for Type "O" blood at this time. Those with Type "O" blood, that can be used by people with any blood type, are strongly encouraged to donate at this time.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

During the Grayling High School blood drive held in November, the following people donated blood for the first time:

Regina Young, Ashlea Mitchell, Josh Messerschmidt, Jason Glicker, Matthew Strothpaul, Eric Hunter, Heather Merchant, Lucas Southard, Caleb Mead, Adam Kaiser, Michelle Belcher, Christina Strait, Travis Hatfield, Janelle Gregorich, Brandon Jacobs, Alonzo Carrothers, Monica Safin, Jennifer Rusiecki, Kimberly Hatfield, Kyle Malczyk, Danyelle Larson, Halie Phipps, Colleen Rogers, Adam Johns, Jacqueline Rais, Joshua

Jurkovich, Charles Woodman, Tyler Huber, Greg Warren, Kimberly McDaniel, Coleman Payne, Lori Ellis, Felicia Phillips, Roger Alvarez, Cheri Cole, Cody Myers, Carmen Hulbert, Sean Kelly, Tara Papendick, Kate Nickert, Joseph Zelek, Lance Harmer, Andrew Boardman, Jamie Zelek, Jesse Helsel, Charles McNamara, Samuel Crowell, Steven Hardy, Richard Saxton, Terrence Ryan, Jesse Van Slyke, Jason Gomez, Theodore Pavey, Shawn Weatherly, Justin Fisette, James Kenney, Frank Tody, Shawn Gabriel, Angeliqe Adair, and Matthew Seager.

Also at the high school, donor pins were awarded: Three Gallons - Arthur Thayer; Four Gallons - Ryan Rondo. At the Type "O" Drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Lawrence Ostrowski donated for the first time and Jeffery Branch was awarded a One Gallon pin.

At the Hard Bodyz Drive, Joseph Ferrigan and Billie Fox donated for the first time. One Gallon pins were awarded to Thomas Drouillard and Mark Gingerick, while a Five Gallon pin was issued to Timothy Swope.

At the Frederic Drive, first time donors were Jason Thayer, Shannon Hohl, Sabrina Fenske and Nancy McLachlan. Five Gallon pins were awarded to Agnes Trudgeon and Shirley Schmooch.

Closing of Oscoda pound expected to affect shelter

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A recent article in the Oscoda Herald announced its county dog pound was scheduled to close December 31, leaving Oscoda County officials looking for a new place to house its homeless dogs.

"Things are only going to get worse for us," said Dixie Lobsinger, Manager and Vice President of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County in Grayling. "For years I have

been encouraging the people in Oscoda County to build a shelter because many of their stray animals end up at our shelter where at least they are given a chance to find a new home.

Now even more of their animals will end up in Crawford County, putting even more of a strain on our shelter and its budget."

Lobsinger said there is no real effort to find homes for Oscoda's homeless dogs. Most are disposed of, with only a few

picked up by rescue groups each year.

According to the Herald article, the pound is privately owned by Damien Lunning, who told the Herald, he is tired of "flatlanders" and that is the reason he is closing his doors after about 30 years of operation. County officials are now considering sending its strays to Standish.

Lobsinger said Lunning handles no cats and, compared to the Animal Shelter of Crawford

County's numbers, about one-tenth of the amount of dogs.

Lunning has never had a contract with Oscoda County, but in the past year the county has paid him just a little over \$2,000 for "dog disposal and pick-up fees" so far in 2002.

The Oscoda County Board of Commissioners is now accepting proposals for the establishment of a dog pound facility, but until it becomes a reality, the Board will have to find an alternative.

Community donations help make toy drive best ever

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For Christmas 2002, Gosnell said her numbers aren't all in quite in yet, but through the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center alone, at least 512 children were served by Toys for Tots, each receiving two large toys and two stocking stuffers.

"Because of the generosity of our community, we surpassed our original goal to provide each child in need with at least one large toy and one stocking stuffer.

The response was wonderful and very heartwarming," Gosnell said. "It made for a very merry Christmas for the kids and their parents, who want so much to make the holiday a happy one."

In addition, the Help Center's other holiday programs served at least 200 families with children, 12 families with no children, and 27 families -- the most ever -- were "adopted" by local citizens and provided a Christmas meal and gifts. "This community put smiles on a lot of faces this

Christmas." Gosnell said the leftover funds will be kept safe in the Toys for

Tots account and will serve as seed money for the next campaign.

GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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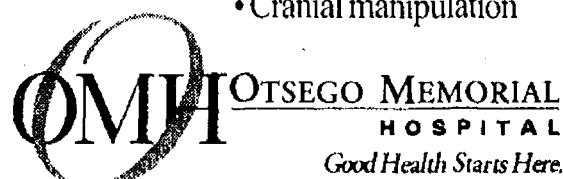
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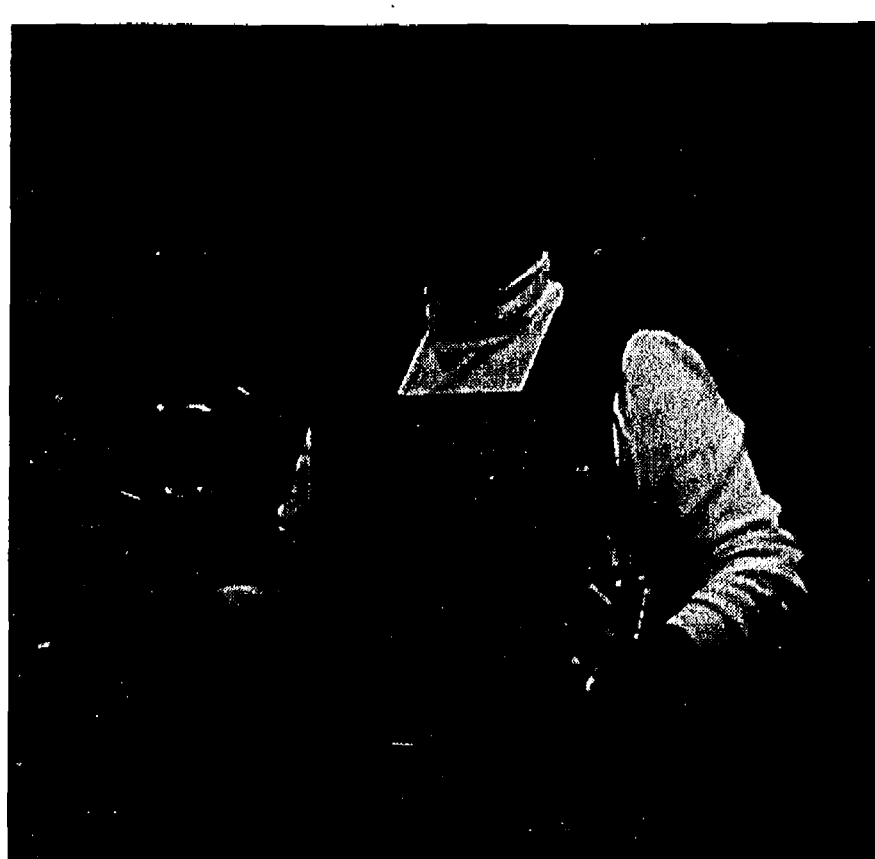
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Wieland said serving in public office created limits on her time with family and friends because, she said, "Once I make a commitment to something, I have to give it my all."

In retirement, she looks forward to spending more time with her family and looks forward to seeing familiar faces "out on the slopes."

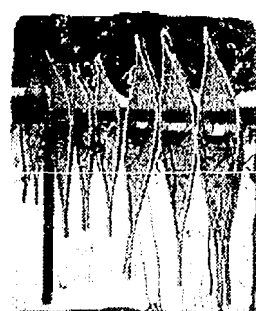
She added, "My husband, Mike, and I are still in pretty good health and there are some things we would still like to do before that all may change. I will miss the people I have been working with, and the challenges of the job, but now it is time to go."

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County seeks new environmentalist

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whoever fills Merrill's shoes.

Hanson said he feels it will be tough to find a replacement for Merrill in a short amount of time. The job calls for a community-minded individual with a Bachelor of Science degree in Solid Waste Management or an

environmental field, knowledge of Public Act 451, and the ability to work with many different people, including the public and government officials, on many ongoing projects at one time.

Merrill said he hopes the right candidate comes forward before he leaves for the U.P. to allow for

training.

If not, Merrill has agreed to help Crawford County on a contracted basis if needed.

"Even though I am leaving, I don't want to leave the county in the lurch," Merrill said. I have loved my time here -- it has been great. I see a bright future for

Crawford County, especially with the economic opportunities possible with Brownfield Redevelopment."

He added, "But I am ready for a change."

Applications are due January 7 by 3 p.m. to Controller Paul Compo, at the county building.

County Board to be sworn in this Thursday

Two new Crawford County Commissioners, along with five re-elected last fall, will take their oath of office at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, January 2 at the Courthouse on Michigan Avenue

in Grayling.

The public is welcome at this short ceremony.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore will perform the ceremony, call-

ing Harold Golnick, Shelley Pinkelman, Lynette Corlew, Scott Hanson, Dave Stephenson, Rick Anderson and Terry Beardslee to their elected seats on the County Board.

The annual organizational meeting will follow at 10 a.m., where the chairman and vice chairman are elected by the Board, as well as committee assignments are made.

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Old radio tower comes down

► After 65 years of service, State Police say good bye to landmark

At a special ceremony on December 17 in Houghton Lake, the Michigan State Police (MSP) and local community members bade farewell to a landmark radio tower that has stood in northern Michigan for over six decades.

The Houghton Lake Radio Tower was the final tower left standing from the 65-year old MSP radio system that was recently replaced by the new, state-of-the-art Michigan's Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS).

"The Houghton Lake tower was not only a landmark in the northern Michigan region, but was also a land-based lighthouse for motorists and boaters alike,"

said First Lieutenant David Mertz, commander of the MSP Houghton Lake Post.

"The landscape will certainly not be the same without the tower."

In 1929, the MSP established the first state police radio system in the country. When construction of a permanent Houghton Lake Post was authorized in 1936, plans included erection of the tower to augment the East Lansing Headquarters radio and serve as a relay point. It was the third tower built for the legacy system following East Lansing and Paw Paw.

Construction began in 1936 with sections of the tower being hauled from Saginaw by Northern Motor Express, a trucking company owned by local resident Lester Stuck. His son, Lee, who still lives at Houghton Lake accompanied his father on the transport.

Completed in 1937, and work-

ing just into the FM band, the Houghton Lake radio station was known as WRDH. At the time of its construction, the tower became famous, as it was the tallest tower for police broadcasting in the United States and, at 325 feet, the tallest point above sea level in Michigan.

The tower was also a critical component to MSP communications for decades. By ordering the flip of a toggle switch at the Houghton Lake Post, East Lansing could convey its radio signal to the Upper Peninsula. That switch remained operational at the front desk until the mid-1970s.

The 1940s-era communications system is being replaced with MPSCS, a statewide radio system that is open to all federal, state and local public safety agencies.

The new system is keeping Michigan on the threshold of cutting-edge technology. MPSCS is

not only one of the most technologically advanced communications systems in the nation, but is also the first network to provide true interoperability between all public safety agencies throughout the state.

Currently, there are 210 public safety agencies with more than 8,800 radios on the system including northern Michigan public safety agencies located in Alpena, Clare, Iosco, Manistee, Mason, Oceana, and Otsego counties.

Several other counties throughout Michigan, including eight in the Upper Peninsula, are also making plans to join the system in the near future. Even so, a piece of history has been laid to rest.

For more information on the old tower or the new MPSCS system, contact F/Lt. David Mertz of the Houghton Lake Post at (989) 422-5101 or e-mail: mertzdz@michigan.gov.

Local blood drive scheduled for January 8

► Red Cross says there is a demand for more Type "O" blood donors

A Crawford County Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, January 8 at the American Legion Hall on James Street in Grayling.

This drive is sponsored by Camp Grayling's M.A.T.E.S. personnel and will run from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m.

There is a great need for Type "O" blood at this time. Those with Type "O" blood, that can be used by people with any blood type, are strongly encouraged to donate at this time.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

During the Grayling High School blood drive held in November, the following people donated blood for the first time:

Regina Young, Ashlea Mitchell, Josh Messerschmidt, Jason Glicker, Matthew Strohpaul, Eric Hunter, Heather Merchant, Lucas Southard, Caleb Mead, Adam Kaiser, Michelle Belcher, Christina Strait, Travis Hatfield, Janelle Gregorich, Brandon Jacobs, Alonzo Carrothers, Monica Safin, Jennifer Rusiecki, Kimberly Hatfield, Kyle Malczyk, Danyelle Larson, Halie Phipps, Colleen Rogers, Adam Johns, Jacqueline Rais, Joshua

Jurkovich, Charles Woodman, Tyler Huber, Greg Warren, Kimberly McDaniel, Coleman Payne, Lori Ellis, Felicia Phillips, Roger Alvarez, Cheri Cole, Cody Myers, Carmen Hulbert, Sean Kelly, Tara Papendick, Kate Nickert, Joseph Zelek, Lance Harmer, Andrew Boardman, Jamie Zelek, Jesse Helsel, Charles McNamara, Samuel Crowell, Steven Hardy, Richard Saxton, Terrence Ryan, Jesse Van Slyke, Jason Gomez, Theodore Pavey, Shawn Weatherly, Justin Fissette, James Kenney, Frank Tody, Shawn Gabriel, Angelique Adair, and Matthew Seager.

Also at the high school, donor pins were awarded: Three Gallons - Arthur Thayer; Four

Gallons - Ryan Rondo.

At the Type "O" Drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Lawrence Ostrowski donated for the first time and Jeffery Branch was awarded a One Gallon pin.

At the Hard Bodyz Drive, Joseph Ferrigan and Billie Fox donated for the first time. One Gallon pins were awarded to Thomas Drouillard and Mark Gingerick, while a Five Gallon pin was issued to Timothy Swope.

At the Frederic Drive, first time donors were Jason Thayer, Shannon Hohl, Sabrina Fenske and Nancy McLachlan. Five Gallon pins were awarded to Agnes Trudgeon and Shirley Schmooch.

Closing of Oscoda pound expected to affect shelter

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A recent article in the Oscoda Herald announced its county dog pound was scheduled to close December 31, leaving Oscoda County officials looking for a new place to house its homeless dogs.

"Things are only going to get worse for us," said Dixie Lobsinger, Manager and Vice President of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County in Grayling. "For years I have

been encouraging the people in Oscoda County to build a shelter because many of their stray animals end up at our shelter where at least they are given a chance to find a new home. Now even more of their animals will end up in Crawford County, putting even more of a strain on our shelter and its budget."

Lobsinger said there is no real effort to find homes for Oscoda's homeless dogs. Most are disposed of, with only a few

picked up by rescue groups each year.

According to the Herald article, the pound is privately owned by Damien Lunning, who told the Herald, he is tired of "flatlanders" and that is the reason he is closing his doors after about 30 years of operation. County officials are now considering sending its strays to Standish.

Lobsinger said Lunning handles no cats and, compared to the Animal Shelter of Crawford

County's numbers, about one-tenth of the amount of dogs.

Lunning has never had a contract with Oscoda County, but in the past year the county has paid him just a little over \$2,000 for "dog disposal and pick-up fees" so far in 2002.

The Oscoda County Board of Commissioners is now accepting proposals for the establishment of a dog pound facility, but until it becomes a reality, the Board will have to find an alternative.

Community donations help make toy drive best ever

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For Christmas 2002, Gosnell said her numbers aren't all in quite in yet, but through the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center alone, at least 512 children were served by Toys for Tots, each receiving two large toys and two stocking stuffers.

"Because of the generosity of our community, we surpassed our original goal to provide each child in need with at least one large toy and one stocking stuffer.

The response was wonderful and very heartwarming," Gosnell said. "It made for a very merry Christmas for the kids and their parents, who want so much to make the holiday a happy one."

In addition, the Help Center's other holiday programs served at least 200 families with children, 12 families with no children, and 27 families -- the most ever -- were "adopted" by local citizens and provided a Christmas meal and gifts. "This community put smiles on a lot of faces this

Christmas."

Gosnell said the leftover funds will be kept safe in the Toys for

Tots account and will serve as seed money for the next campaign.



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FOOT NOTES
by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

BURNING FEET

Common in people over age 65, burning feet cause symptoms ranging from mild stinging to severe burning. Irritating fabrics or poorly fitting shoes can cause burning sensations, as can a skin reaction to poison ivy or other toxins. Fungal infections may also lead to burning symptoms. Burning feet may signal a more serious nerve or blood vessel disorder, so watch for burning that occurs with prickling sensations; weakness; or a change in leg sensation; or burning accompanied by nausea, diarrhea, incontinence, or impotence. Those with diabetes mellitus, a family history of burning feet, or persistent burning may be at greater risk for a nerve or blood vessel disorder. Always consult your doctor if you suspect such a condition.

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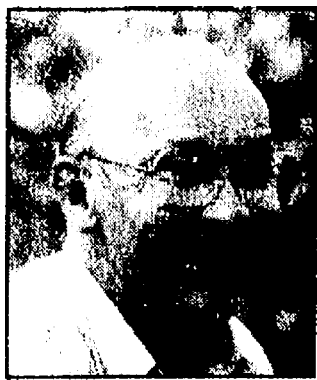
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Second Chance for Almanack's 2002 wit and wisdom

JUST IN CASE readers missed out the first time around, here's a second chance to review a smattering of wit and wisdom which appeared in *The Almanack* during the past year...

On promised tax cuts -- Should tax cuts take effect as planned, or be abandoned or delayed? I'm not an economist, but based on real life, the answer seems simple enough to me. When you desperately need more money, common sense tells you not to give away anything you already have.

On hunting mourning doves -- I'm one of those who delights in watching mourning doves raise their young near our kitchen window, and enjoy their company while I'm sipping coffee on our back porch. If hunters must shoot small birds, I agree with those who would send them crows, not doves. But I'm also

one who generally backs a scientific approach to game management. If the experts say let's hunt doves, it's okay with me. It's better to let the professionals make the decision than to entrust it to elected politicians, many of whom are under-informed on the issue and are eager only to please the interest groups which shout the loudest.

On elective university boards - Nominations to the education boards are made in a disgraceful system. They come at state political conventions and are at the bottom of the agenda -- after platform is adopted, after nominations for top offices -- in short after everything of significance is done. Much political horse trading often forms education tickets: Are there enough women on the ticket? How about minorities? What about geography? Are

there political promises party leaders can solve with a nomination? Can the party pay off a political debt? These are the questions that usually control nominations for education boards, not experience or other qualifications. That Michigan winds up with so many quality and dedicated board members is merely collateral and underserved benefit.

On campaign promises -- A campaign is a time for ideas -- for broad outlines as well as specific pet projects. It's a time to indicate priorities. And yes, it's a time for generalities and inspiration and the lofty phrase.... Any program any governor proposes is just an idea, until the details are filled in.... Once elected, reality sets in.... The most controlling reality, of course, is how much money is needed to do what the

new governor wants to do.

On corporate failures and executive buyouts -- Is the world upside down? Sometimes it seems that way. How can this year's graduates learn from our ongoing history of American business and find financial success in private enterprise? One way may be to run a company into bankruptcy -- and then get financially fat through the process. The penalty for failure, it seems, is personal riches.

On term limits -- While experience on the job can be important, it's also well to bear in mind that new folks come with credentials of their own, many earned in local government or private enterprise. They didn't just fall off a turnip truck.... The problems are daunting, but breakdown of the lawmaking process because of the departure of long

time members is most unlikely. Besides, a question comes to mind: Haven't they been running things while these problems developed? Maybe some new blood will be helpful. Maybe it's time for change.

On respect for the flag -- Remember the Pledge of Allegiance? Notice the Pledge does not stop after the first six words. The last five words are the most important. They promise "liberty and justice for all," even for those with whom we disagree, and whose expressions we find reprehensible. But then, that's the essence of America, isn't it?

On political debates -- "Debate" is a misleading term in political campaigning. They are joint appearances, not debates. Sometimes candidates discuss the same questions, sometimes

not. As for direct cross-confrontation, that very seldom occurs. Still political "debates" are better for voters than depending on TV spots or campaign brochures. The best way for voters to become informed still is to see and hear the candidates in person. Joint appearances, well covered by newspapers and TV or radio, can be an effective alternative.

On newspapers and politics -- I won't buy the complaint that nobody talks about issues, nobody covers what's really important in an election. Michigan newspapers do. They make the information available. The rest is up to the conscientious voter.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Between democracy and despotism

by Sidney Hook (1902-1989)

Professor Chester Finn reports that there are areas in this country in which American history is taught as a history of Indian oppression, as a history of the oppression of Blacks and Chicanos, as a history of the exploitation of immigrants, of the degradation of women and children. The whole history of America is sometimes presented to the minds of the young as a history of oppression which makes the present position of these oppressed groups incomprehensible. Much of what is said in this litany of horrors is, of course, true. But it only illustrates the fact that selected truths can be woven together to communicate a thunderously false tale. It is comparable to a survey of American social problems which, because of the indisputable presence of current problems, fails to mention that any has ever been adequately met.

Not infrequently when we protest misleading accounts, and even outright distortions, of American reality, we are accused of nationalism, of sacrificing the truth on the altar of a mindless

patriotism. But there are many ways of sacrificing the truth. One way is to insist that some special truth is the only truth there is. Not long ago, when I protested the unceasing propaganda in the classrooms of elementary schools about the horrors of a nuclear holocaust which was producing nightmares in sensitive children, I was taxed unfairly by some pacifists with denying that war is an evil. They were wrong. Not only do I believe that war is an evil, I believe it is always an evil. What is wrong is believing that war is the only evil, or that it is the worst. Were we to believe that, why would we have resisted Hitler or the Japanese warlords? Why would the Civil War have been fought? To the many truths that are relevant, here we must add the truth that often the will and ability to fight in defense of our freedoms is the best insurance against war...

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Why we need core curriculum for college students

by Lynne V. Cheney

A 1989 survey funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and conducted by the Gallup Organization showed 25 percent of the nation's college seniors unable to locate Columbus's voyage within the correct half-century. About the same percentage could not distinguish Churchill's words from Stalin's, or Karl Marx's thoughts from the ideas of the U.S. Constitution. More than 40 percent could not identify when the Civil War occurred. Most could not identify Magna Carta, the Missouri Compromise, or Reconstruction. Most could not link major works by Plato, Dante, Shakespeare, and Milton with their authors...

To the task of learning about oneself and the world, a required course of studies can bring needed order and coherence. At one midwestern university where there is no core, students choose from almost 900 courses, with topics ranging from the history of foreign labor movements to the analysis of daytime soap operas. The result is all too often "a meaningless mosaic of fragments," in naturalist Loren Eiseley's words. "From ape skull to Mayan temple," he wrote, "we contemplate the miscellaneous debris of time like sightseers to whom these mighty fragments, fallen gateways, and sunken galleys convey no present instruction." A core of learning shows the patterns of the mosaic. It provides a context for forming the parts of education into a whole.

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Idea fashions of eighties: After Marx, what?

by Tom Wolfe

In 1974, I attended a conference at a university in the Great Plains, a conference called "America in the Year 2000"... We were treated to a parade of speakers, each of whom filled in more dreadful details about American society... After 36 hours of this, it was all that I could do to bring myself to the last symposium in the conference, entitled, "The American Environment in the Year 2000." The prognosis was, as you might imagine, not altogether salutary. The first speaker was a young ecologist, who rose up and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I am not sure that I want to be alive in America in the year 2000." He looked pretty lively at the time. He was about 37, he had on a

magenta turtleneck disco jersey and a Madras jacket and a lot of other marvelous gear. The explanation of his dour prognosis was that due to the rape of the upper atmosphere by aerosol can users, a certain ion would no longer be able to come through the atmosphere to the earth, and this particular ion was indispensable for bone formation.

No more bone formation! Suddenly I had a vision that was worse than any that had come to me in the preceding 36 hours. I could see these marvelous women that I enjoyed watching walk down Lexington Avenue near where I live in New York City with their five-inch pyramid-heel, three-color, patent-leather, platform-soled shoes,

and their blue jeans smartly cleaving the declivities fore and aft, and I could suddenly picture them dissolving into blobs of patent leather and denim on the sidewalk, inching and suppurating along like amoebae. I could see the blind news dealer down at the corner of Lexington and Sixty-First Street trying to give change to a notions buyer from Bloomingdale's and their hands run together like fettuccine over a stack of *New York Posts*. It was worse than anything I had ever imagined in my life.

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Ethical Leadership

by General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

The true rewards of leadership come from striving to look up to a higher moral standard... Some people get into the "leadership game" for the next tangible reward - the next promotion, the next pay raise, the next headline. But these individuals are inevitably doomed to disappointment. At the end of the day, they

cannot point to these things and say that they are the stuff of which genuine happiness and pride are made. Good leaders sometimes -- in fact, quite often -- lose in the material world. They go fight ahead anyway, knowing that they are going to lose. Are they tilting at windmills? Do they have a "can't do"

instead of a "can do" attitude? Of course not. They are committed to defending the right values. And the right values are seldom safe, easy or advantageous.

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Wertz Warriors on the trails again

To the editor,

January 26, 2003 marks the 22nd year the Wertz Warriors leave Mt. Clemens on their snowmobile endurance ride to raise money for the benefit of Special Olympics of Michigan.

Vic Wertz, Detroit Tiger star and baseball Hall-of-Famer, gathered a group of friends together in 1982 with the intention of finding a way to support the Winter Program of Special Olympics. After many debates, they decided on a snowmobile endurance ride from Mt. Clemens to Mackinaw City. After the sudden death of Vic Wertz, his friends pledged to continue the annual ride and dedicate it to the memory of their friend.

The Wertz Warriors have ridden every year since, improving each year on the results of the previous year's donations.

Assuming weather cooperates, they will cover 900 miles of trails in an attempt to raise \$500,000 which will enable them to send over 1,100 athletes to the winter games. The games will once again be held at the Grand Traverse Resort outside of Traverse City, except for the ski events which will be held at Schuss Mountain.

Each rider must pledge to raise a minimum of \$3,000. They do this by having golf outings, spaghetti dinners, auctions, or just asking friends and family to contribute. On their endurance ride, they make about 30 stops collecting money from the good people of northern Michigan.

This year's honorary chairperson is Mark "The Bird" Fydrich. This will be Fydrich's 10th year riding with the Wertz Warriors.

I am sure that you are very aware that our past success is only possible because of your support. Your tax-deductible contributions will help to ensure that this year's ride will be the best yet.

Please share with me in the spirit of giving by sending your tax-deductible contribution payable to "Special Olympics of Michigan." Please remember Special Olympics of Michigan is a non-profit organization, supported entirely by private donations.

For more information or to make a donation, call Matt Giroux at (586) 438-3330 (cell phone) or the Wertz Warrior office at (586) 954-9770.

The Wertz Warrior Snowmobile Endurance Riders Mt. Clemens

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BRIEFS

Church plans all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling, invites everyone to a luncheon of hot and/or cold foods on Thursday, January 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your own sandwich, etc. Salad and dessert are included. Take-outs will be available. Cost is \$5 per person.

Local Shrine Club Dinner planned

Grayling Chapter #83 Order of the Eastern Star (OES) will be serving the Grayling Shrine Club Dinner on Monday, January 6 at 6 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge on Michigan Avenue (next to the Rialto Theatre) in Grayling. Masonic family and friends are invited. Cost is a donation of \$6. Call Jerry Gosnell at 348-8253 to make reservations. Also, the OES stated meeting is scheduled for January 8 at 7:30 p.m. and OES initiation is scheduled for January 15 at 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's food distribution site

The Crawford County Commission on Aging reports St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church's back parking lot will be the site of commodities food distribution on January 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 348-7123.

Sheriff to attend township meeting

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Grayling Township Board of Trustees' regular meeting on Wednesday, January 8 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to attend this meeting. Sheriff Wakefield will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions and comments.

Get involved with Project Graduation

Adult volunteers are needed to help with preparation and planning of the annual all-night party for Grayling High School graduates. Attend the next Project Graduation Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 8 at 7 p.m. at Grayling High School. For more information, call Michele Bugyi at 348-2816 after 6 p.m.

Band Boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Thursday, January 9 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School Band Room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School.

Learn about strategic college financing

Kurt Loll, the local Edward Jones investment representative, will host a free educational seminar on college planning next Tuesday at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, on Plum Street in Grayling.

Some of the subjects Loll will

be covering at 7 p.m., January 7 include: establishing savings goals, understanding savings options, comparing savings goals, examining investment choices, and exploring financial aid. For more information on the seminar or to reserve a seat, contact Loll at 348-6964.

Red Cross continues 'Pizza Day'

Help keep your local Red Cross ready to respond to local emergencies by enjoying a pizza.

On January 7, Little Caesar's restaurants will donate a dollar from each promotional pizza to support local Red Cross disaster relief. All proceeds will remain in northern Michigan.

Since November 1, there have been eight fires in northern Michigan impacting 22 people. Red Cross provides emergency food, shelter and clothing for disaster clients. The average aid

is valued at \$175 per person. This aid is an outright gift to the clients, made possible by the support of disaster fund-raising projects like Pizza Day.

Start the new year by helping neighbors who will benefit from support of this fund-raiser.

Participating Little Caesar's include those located in Grayling and Gaylord.

For details on the promotion or to learn how to help as a Red Cross volunteer, call 1-800-691-6059.

Special Olympics Winter Games slated for Jan. 17 near Boyne City

Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills, Inc., near Boyne City, will host the 2nd annual Special Olympics Winter Games on Friday, January 17.

Games are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and conclude around 3 p.m.

This year's games have brought in numerous new athletes, making the games more exciting, challenging, and rewarding, reported Sue Moody, Executive Director of Challenge Mountain. "Special Olympic athletes will be competing in numerous events, including downhill skiing, cross country, snow shoeing and more."

Following competition, a dance will be held for the physically and mentally challenged athletes.

Victories Casino has pledged its support to again cater the event.

"Volunteers are greatly needed for this event," Moody said. "The different types of volunteer

work needed are escorts, huggers, greeters, downhill skiers for on the venue, food serving, and more. Please consider giving a day of your time for this important event."

Mike Hurchick, Board President of Challenge Mountain, said, "It is with great pleasure that Challenge Mountain is able to support the athletes who participate in the Special Olympics. We are committed to the Winter Games for the present and future."

"The Challenge Mountain volunteers enjoy being involved and working with the Olympians. This is a perfect union for the mission of Challenge Mountain."

Everyone is invited to come out and cheer on the athletes and have a great time. For more information, directions, or to register as a volunteer, call Challenge Mountain at (231) 535-2141. Visit its web site at: www.challengemtn.org.

Agriculture marketing grants available

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant announced last week that federal matching funds are again available for the state's food and agriculture industry to enhance its marketing of agricultural products.

Funds are available under the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Marketing Service.

About \$1.3 million has been allocated for distribution nationwide. MDA administers FSMIP in Michigan.

"Developing and expanding markets is one key to improving the profitability of Michigan's family farms and ensuring the long-term viability of the state's agriculture industry," Wyant said. "We encourage Michigan food and agricultural organizations to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance their marketing activities and impact."

In order to be considered and successful, FSMIP applications must focus on market research and feasibility study needs, not on promotion or advertising. This year, proposals should reflect a regional or national significance and address challenges and opportunities in these areas:

- Marketing profitably in a rapidly changing global economy where 96 percent of the

world's consumers live outside the United States.

- Addressing consumer-driven agriculture issues like health, food safety, labeling and packaging or developing new products that meet mobile, time-pressed needs of consumers.

- Fostering agricultural diversity through new or niche markets, value-added products, or those that help achieve long-term sustainability of the environment and rural communities.

- Using technology to improve food quality, develop new products, or address food safety concerns through enhanced handling, packaging or processing methods.

- Developing efficiencies in the transportation and distribution of Michigan and U.S. food and agricultural products, including specialty commodities like identity-preserved, and assisting small and medium-scale producers overcome access barriers in both domestic and international markets.

For a copy of the FSMIP application and detailed guidelines, visit: www.ams.usda.gov/tmd/fsmip.htm or call MDA at (517) 241-2678. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 31, to the attention of Brian Preston at MDA, Agriculture Development Division, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909 or via fax at (517) 335-0628.

Aviation conference to cover 100 years of powered flight

The Great Lakes International Aviation Conference celebrates the "Centennial of Powered Flight" in East Lansing, January 17-19.

A top-flight lineup of nationally known speakers will address the third, annual conference at Michigan State University's Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. Among the headlines are:

- Capt. Al Haynes, retired United Airlines pilot and cockpit resource management expert;
- Paul Bowen, renowned aerial photographer; and
- Brian Finnegan, president of the Professional Aviation Maintenance Association.

Also scheduled to speak are Blaine Hammond, a Space Shuttle command pilot, and "B" Steadman, one of the original "Mercury 13" female astronauts. Members of the original Black Sheep Squadron, Flying Tigers, and Tuskegee Airmen will participate in many conference events as well.

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Science and math teachers are invited to the conference to become more familiar with aviation concepts and the industry. After the conference, they can return to school armed with ideas on how to incorporate aviation concepts in their classrooms and career counseling.

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The Bible Speaks

Happy New Year

Each New Year people make resolutions to improve their lives. They view each New Year as a chance for a new beginning. But, most New Year's resolutions seem to fail before the year ends.

Each year we are reminded of the wisdom of Solomon found in Ecc. 1:9, "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done." This wisdom is often restated in terms like "History repeats itself," or "If we don't learn from history we are bound to repeat it."

All of us desire better lives for our children, and ourselves, but how do we gain the freedom and will to fulfill these choices? Liberals place most of the blame for our problems outside of self. They say guns kill, drugs addict, institutions corrupt, religions brainwash, fast foods cause fat, etc. Their answer to our problems is more taxes and government control.

Jesus Christ gave us a revolutionary view of human problems in Matthew 15:18,19: "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." Again Jesus said in Luke 6:45: "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil trea-

sure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

Jesus expanded the principle stated by Solomon in Prov. 4:23: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." All of us understand this principle physically. Heart attacks stop the circulation of blood and we die. We have learned that it is possible for a person to live with a new heart transplant or artificial heart. But what about our spiritual life? Ezekiel quoted God as saying nearly 2,600 years ago in Ezek. 36:26: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."

Jesus told Nicodemus how important it is to have this new birth in John 3:3,5,7: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

To get a new spiritual heart, we must confess our sins and ask Jesus Christ by faith to forgive us of our sins and to enter our heart. God promised us in John 1:12: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Jesus Christ changes us into a new creature. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old

things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5:17). Jesus Christ changes our lives. Eph. 4:24: "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Col. 3:10: "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."

This New Year is the best time to turn your heart and life over to Jesus Christ. He has made every sacrifice necessary to become your Savior and God. Trust Him today for a Happy New Year. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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Special playground grants available

► Collaboration aims to create playgrounds built for all children

The National Center for Boundless Playgrounds recently announced the "Able to Play" project which begins with a \$75,000 to \$350,000 Challenge Grant Opportunity.

The goal of this project is to develop uniquely designed outdoor playgrounds and indoor play environments where children with and without disabilities will have the opportunity to laugh, play and grow together.

Service clubs, parks, museums, libraries, hospitals, schools, advocacy groups, youth organizations, associations, civic and non-profit groups along with individuals, businesses and foundations are invited to participate and are encouraged to collabo-

rate on applications for these grants for their communities located within the state of Michigan.

The "Able to Play" project and challenge grants are made possible by a lead gift from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to the National Center for Boundless Playgrounds.

Boundless Playgrounds is a non-profit organization that provides leadership to foster and create fully integrated, universally accessible play environments for children of all abilities. It was founded in 1997 by passionate parents and professionals who wanted to create a play environment uniquely designed to remove the barriers that limit childhood exploration and development for children of all abilities.

Boundless Playgrounds is collaborating with the Center for Creative Play in providing the technical assistance for the

indoor play environments. The Center is a non-profit organization that provides an inclusive and welcoming play environment for children of all abilities and families of diverse backgrounds.

Workshops to assist interested applicants will be held the week of January 13 across the state. These are not mandatory, but will provide valuable information on the project requirements and how to prepare the grant application. Specific workshop times and locations are available online at: www.abletoplay.org or by calling (860) 243-8315.

Application workshops are scheduled on January 13 in Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie; on January 14 in Battle Creek and Pontiac; on January 15 in Grand Rapids and Flint; on January 16 in Lansing and Saginaw; and on January 17 in Detroit, Dearborn and Ann Arbor.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all of the individuals, groups, families and businesses who donated money and/or food to us during the holiday season, (and of course during the rest of the year), the people who donated mittens and hats

(most were hand knit), Christmas candy and the many toys for Toys for Tots distribution. Thanks also to the people who adopted families, the volunteers who worked at the center and last but not least Marianne Gosnell for her many hours as Toys for

Tots coordinator. Because of this support from the community we were able to joyfully provide toys and Christmas dinner fixings to nearly 200 families.

Gerry Schroeder
Coordinator
Christian Help Center



To climb a mountain is a test and a challenge. Setting off to reach the pinnacle requires good equipment, proper clothing and training. It takes skill, physical fitness and determination to endure the harshness of the climb. Once invaded, the mountain throws obstacles in the path of the invader. As if to say,

"I will not give up my silent majesty easily."

Many climbers have heard the voices of the mountain and experienced its anger. The howling winds, the bitter cold, lack of oxygen and exhaustion face the intruder who dares conquer it. But once conquered, the victory is sweet.

Like the mountain, God does not always give up His silent majesty easily. Obstacles thrown in our path may make us falter and fail, but He gives us new strength with every new difficulty.

To reach God's summit is to climb heavenward. Seek His strength and refuge this week.

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Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Even

For one man, time away from home was worth it

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"I'm also responsible for the health, welfare and morale of all the soldiers who work in the supply and logistics area. I help ensure that this base has what it needs and that my troops are taken care of."

Bagram is the headquarters for U.S. forces in Afghanistan, as well as the home of the Air Force's fleet of A-10 Thunderbolt attack aircraft. Located about 80 miles north of Kabul, the base remains a work in progress. When American forces first arrived at the bomb-wrecked base, little remained from when the Soviets occupied it. Since then, however, service members have repaired the airstrip, constructed tents and swept the area free of its many land mines.

The creature comforts that exist on American soil remain a memory for Thompson. Running water, heating and air conditioning, tents rigged for electricity and hot showers are just a few of the things that are hard to find on this camp. And the dust storms that turn the late afternoon sky brown pose a challenge to operations conducted around the camp.

In spite of these conditions, Thompson said being part of Operation Enduring Freedom makes up for any hardships that he may encounter.

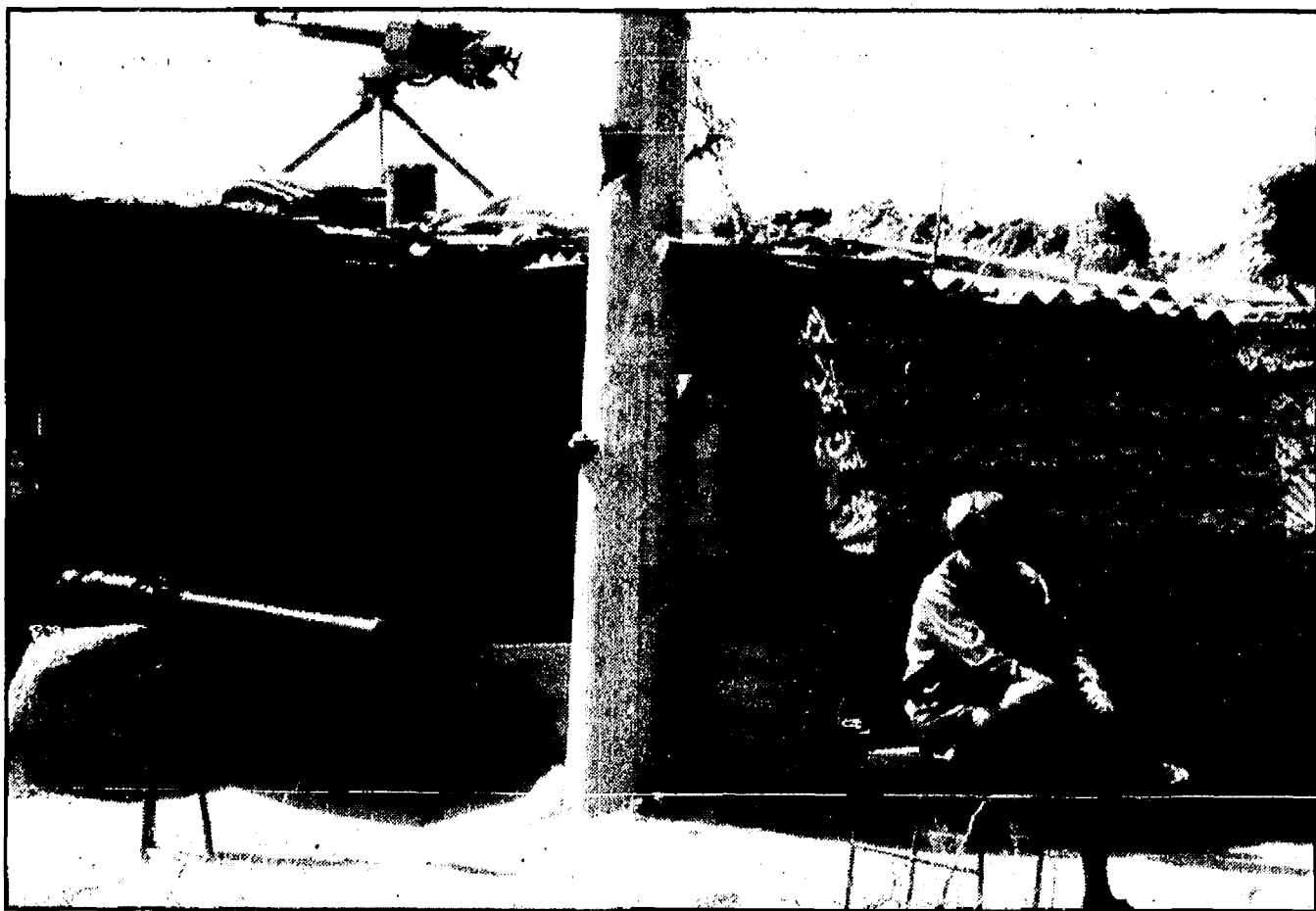
"It's my duty as a professional soldier to be serving and fighting for my country in the war against terrorism," he said. "It may not be the easiest place to be, but I'm sure that there are worse places, and I try to lead by example and take a positive view of being here, and hope that my troops follow my lead."

While the mission at Bagram remains one of combat, as soldiers continue to make headway in their hunt for the remnants of the Taliban and Al Qaeda terrorist network, some of the work done by service members outside of the base is humanitarian in nature.

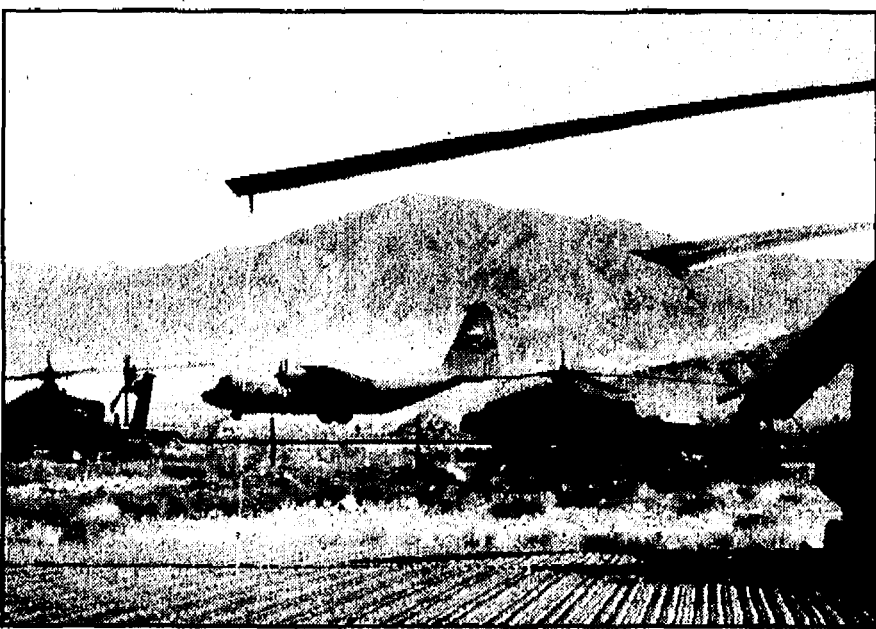
Army engineers travel to surrounding communities to help build schools and drill wells, while medical teams treat many Afghan civilians for illnesses and prior injuries suffered during their nation's many years of war.

It is these subtle improvements that show Thompson and his fellow service members that their time spent away from home is making a difference, even if their thoughts often turn to home.

"I'm looking forward to returning home and seeing my wife, kids and the rest of my family and friends," he said.



Two Afghan elders are stationed in front of their house, with a banner in the background commemorating the anniversary of the death of their former Northern Alliance leader, Ahmad Shah Massoud. The day was memorialized as a national holiday in Afghanistan.



A C-130 Hercules cargo plane lands at the Bagram Air Base airstrip while Army Blackhawk helicopters prepare to lift off.

"I'm going to just relax and reflect on being able to live in the greatest country in the world."

When Thompson does return home, he said he will be secure in the knowledge that his time spent helping to keep a small base and its inhabitants safe in a dangerous land has also helped to keep America safe.

Please note: The Crawford County Avalanche received this article on December 23, although it was written for publication in September.

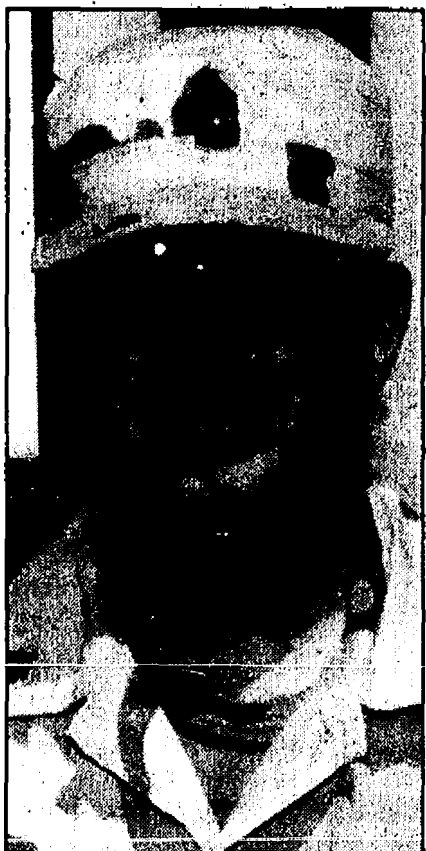
In October, 49-year old Sgt. Maj. Thompson returned to his home and family in Tennessee, just across the state border from his assigned duty station at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

His mother said that although her son graduated from Ferris State University with a degree in accounting, he chose to join the Army and make a career of it. "He sure does like it," Mrs.

Thompson said. Another of her sons, Jim, owns and operates the Trails Campground in Frederic.

Sgt. Maj. Thompson has also seen duty in Somalia, Turkey and Germany during his career. He served at Bagram Air Base from April to October, 2002.

(Avalanche Staff Writer Cheryl Rulley contributed to this article.)



Laura Thompson, of Frederic, said she is proud of her son, Sgt. Maj. William Thompson (above), who recently completed six months of duty at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.



An Army civil affairs soldier walks with an Afghan civilian on base. U.S. service members work hand in hand with representatives of the local Afghan government to improve living conditions for Afghan civilians living in villages surrounding the base.

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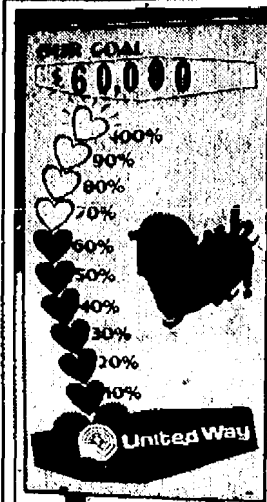
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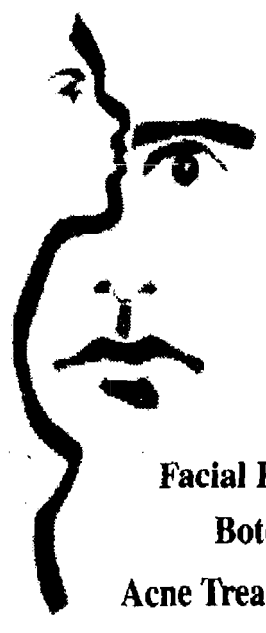
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D.A.R.E. essayists have a lot to say

Due to limited space in the December 26, 2002 edition of the *Avalanche*, the following remaining winning essays written by fifth grade students graduating from the D.A.R.E. drug and violence prevention program at Grayling Elementary School were held over for publication this week. Please take the time to read what our young people have to say:

I think it is very important to stay drug and violence free. Drugs are something other than food, that affect the way your mind and body work. Drugs can be good like medicine. If someone ever comes up to you and asks you to use any kind of drug or violence, always say NO.

That's what I would do. I think D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is very important for elementary age kids like me.

I learned that my actions affect other people. If someone started drinking, drove home, and hit another car, that person's action would affect the people in the other car and maybe even themselves.

Drugs have a very big effect on you. If you drink alcohol you have blackouts, marijuana is very addictive, smoking makes your lungs black and other side effects on all of the other drugs.

I learned if you have rights, you get responsibilities with those rights.

My main goal is to become a pediatrician and if I want to be a doctor for children, I have to set a good example. I also want to stay drug and violence free for all of my life.

Tiffany Valentin

I feel that D.A.R.E. is good because I learned to control my temper and walk away from a fight. I also learned to stay away from drugs and violence.

D.A.R.E. is good to learn for kids because it helps kids stay away from drugs and be free of violence. D.A.R.E. helped me to say "no" to violence and drugs. One way to say "no" is to walk away.

It taught me to be myself and

not follow other people making bad choices. If someone offers me drugs, I'm going to say "no" and go to a grown-up and tell that grown-up that kids are giving other kids drugs. It is important to be drug free. It keeps our brain working and learning. If you get into a fight, you can go to jail.

My goal in life is to be a spy and help keep the country safe. If I do drugs and violence, I cannot be a spy. And D.A.R.E. helped me to not do drugs, alcohol, or violence.

Daniel Priebe

The winning essay by Michael Hunter was not available for publication.

Beneficiaries to receive new Medicaid cards

► New cards are plastic, permanent and ready for local distribution

Beginning in January 2003, a new permanent plastic Medicaid ID card called the "mihealth card" will be issued to every active beneficiary who has Medicaid, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS) and Children's Special Health Services (CSHCS).

The mihealth card will show the customer's name and Medicaid ID number on the front. It will not contain eligibil-

ity information and will not guarantee Medicaid eligibility. Providers must use the Eligibility Verification System to verify eligibility before providing services.

The initial distribution of the mihealth card will be phased in over a three-month period, from December, 2002 through February, 2003.

Cards will be mailed to beneficiaries in many northern Michigan counties -- including Crawford, Oscoda, Roscommon, Kalkaska and Otsego -- in January. The cards become active upon receipt.

Beneficiaries will continue to receive their blue paper

Medicaid ID card during this phase-in period.

Paper cards cannot be used after March 31.

Beneficiaries who are in a Medicaid or CSHCS Health plan will continue to also use their health plan ID cards when receiving medical services.

If a customer does not receive a card, or it is lost, stolen or damaged, he or she must contact the customer help line at 1-800-642-3195 to request a card replacement. A customer with a name and/or address change will be referred to their local or district Family Independence Agency office so the case file can be updated.

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Grant available for preservation projects

The Michigan Architectural Foundation and the Clannad Foundation will once again make a \$5,000 grant to a preservation project in Michigan.

The two foundations joined, in memory of preservation architect David Evans, FAIA to initiate the Evans Memorial Preservation Grant Program. This annual award will be made to a not-for-profit (501-C-3) organization that can demonstrate a creative solution to a preservation problem.

David Evans, FAIA of Ann Arbor, was a leading advocate for innovative historic preservation. He was a founding partner of Quinn/Evans Associates, a firm which worked on many high-profile historic buildings in Michigan and throughout the United States. Evans, who died in 1998, believed the architectural treasures of the past must be valued and preserved for the generations to come.

Historically, the first Evans Memorial Grant went to the Shielding Tree Nature Center to restore the Lawr Farm in Port Oneida, for adaptive reuse. This farm is one of several that are within the Sleeping Bear Dunes

National Lakeshore Park. It is on the National Historic Register as part of the Port Oneida Rural Historic District.

The second award went to the Coopersville Area Historical Society for the restoration of Interurban Car #8. Coopersville was commended for saving a unique example from America's recent past.

In the third year, the Pewabic House in Houghton received the prize. The house is the family home of Mary Chase Stratton, the founder of Pewabic Pottery, a leader in the art pottery movement in the early part of the 20th Century. They are still in business in Detroit.

Grant number four went to Detroit to stabilize an Irish workers' cottage. The long range goal of the Corktown Development Corporation is a Tenement Museum but the immediate concern was the roof. The grant was used to make the house weather-

tight. Incremental changes in a community's historic building stock often have a profound effect on the quality of life of a community. The Evans Memorial Grant seeks to reward non-profit groups who come up with an idea that leads to the creative use of a historic property.

An application package of instructions is available from the Michigan Architectural Foundation, 553 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226, or by calling (313) 965-4100, or on the Internet at AIA-MI.com. Deadline for submission is February 3.

A jury composed of representatives of the funding authorities, recognized preservation experts and preservation architects will pick the winner. The award will be presented on May 2 during the honor awards program of the American Institute of Architects - Michigan at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

The Michigan Architectural Foundation promotes educational, scientific and charitable activities that advance the quality of architecture and allied arts. The Foundation sponsors programs that:

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The Clannad Foundation was founded in 1995 by Jeanne and Ralph Graham of Bloomfield Hills. The aim of the Foundation is to support non-profit organizations in the fields of social action, hunger, environmental acquisition and advocacy, cultural education, emergency housing and education. "Clannad" is a Gaelic word for "Family." The Foundation is a 501-C-3 designated organization and funds only groups that are non-profit.

NHCDC housing counselor now certified

Northern Homes Community Development Corporation of Boyne City has announced Alice Yeoman recently received certification as a Network Counselor through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

Northern Homes CDC is an independently run non-profit organization created to address the growing needs for affordable housing in northern Michigan. It currently serves Crawford, Otsego, Antrim, Cheboygan, Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

Yeoman will be providing classes to homebuyers through MSHDA's Links to Homeownership program. Families with a related minor child living in the home or a pregnant applicant/co-applicant, who meet financial program guidelines, are eligible.

The program can assist homebuyers with potential down payment assistance, credit repair, pre-purchase education and maintenance training.

Classes will be offered in Otsego County through the

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Students honored for card designs

Forty-four students from the Crawford County area were honored on December 3 at Mercy Hospital Grayling's "Lights of Love" tree lighting ceremony.

Special recognition went to Fairview Elementary School third grader, Sarah Force, age nine, whose design was chosen as the winning entry in the hospital's 2002 Children's Christmas Card Design Contest.

The annual competition was open to children from kindergarten through fourth grade in 12 schools in the region. Force received a plaque with a picture of her card on it, plus an art supply kit, from hospital CEO, Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak.

Force lives in Comins with her parents. Judges chose her design from 290 drawings submitted.

Before a crowd of proud parents and grandparents, tokens of appreciation were awarded to 43 other students, representing every participating grade in every school. After enjoying cookies and hot cocoa, the families were able to view the students' artwork and attend the "Lights of Love" ceremony.

Force's artwork, the grade winners, and all other children who submitted drawings are being exhibited at Mercy Hospital through the 2002 holiday season.



Students Shelby Pippin and Skylar Nelson represented Frederic Elementary School at the annual Lights of Love and were honored for their Christmas card designs.



Grayling students Shane Krates and Samantha Bidwell represented Grayling Elementary School on December 3 in a ceremony honoring kids who entered Mercy Hospital's Children's Christmas Card Design Contest.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 51 complaints during the week of December

22 - 28:

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Range firing scheduled during January 1 - 7 is as follows:

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Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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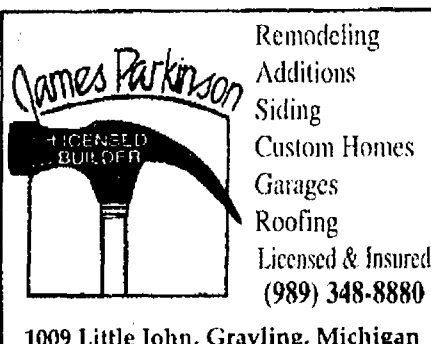
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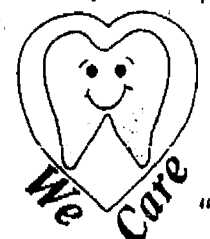
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SPORTS & RECREATION

Boy Scouts attend annual winter survival camp

by Wesley Lane
 Troop 979 Historian

On Saturday, December 7, 2002, local Boy Scout Troop 979 went on its annual Polar Bear Campout. The scouts left scout hall that morning.

The Polar Bear Campout requires the scouts to hike a half-mile into camp and spend at least 18 hours without going into a structure or motor vehicle.

On Saturday afternoon, some Webelo scouts came out to the camp and the Boy Scouts took this time to show them some different skills.

They were shown first aid by Henry Lane, ice rescue by Wesley Lane and Mr. Steffey, fire building by Nick Grougan, knots by Nick Steffey, and map and compass by Jimmy Hilbrecht.

Also attending and spending the night with Troop 979 was Dylan Nye, Derek Smith, Tyler Steffey and Scott Grougan. Webelo scout Brent Steffey also



Photo courtesy of Loren Goodale

Boy Scout Troop 979 recently attended its annual "Polar Bear Campout" to learn about winter survival.

camped.

Throughout the day, the Boy Scouts worked on finishing a lean-to shelter they started to construct one month earlier.

Each scout also had to cook three meals in order to get their award.

If you would like to join scouting or would like more information about Boy Scout Troop 979, talk to any of the scouts or call Scoutmaster Loren Goodale at 348-8682 or 348-6238 (evenings).

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team

ROSCOMMON - All things considered, Kirtland's Great North Christmas Tournament was an idea whose time had arrived - and it'll come again if Firebirds coach and athletic director Glen Donahue has his way.

"I think it went very well," Donahue said of the first annual event that featured good competition and great basketball in both the men's and women's brackets. "There was some very good basketball featuring a lot of good teams from the north country."

About 200 people attended the tournament Friday and Saturday at the CRAF Center.

Kirtland men finished third in their tournament, beating Lourdes College 117-53 in the consolation game Saturday after narrowly losing to Kellogg Community College the night before. Kirtland led most of the game until injuries began taking their toll. Two starters were on crutches during the tournament,

and the 'Birds lost two more midway through the opening game.

"It's disappointing," Donahue said. "We did some darn good things and played awfully well. But we were a little shorthanded and then made just enough mistakes not to beat Kellogg."

Kellogg, 8-4, took first when tournament MVP Antonio Strong scored 33 points in a 101-72 victory over Gogebic in the championship game.

Gogebic, 7-7, which got 23 points from Milton Austin in the title game, advanced with a 107-47 win over Lourdes, in its inaugural season of competition.

In the consolation game earlier, Jeremy Rau and Vaughan Gray each scored 20 points to power Kirtland, 5-6, to a 117-53 win over Lourdes College of Sylvania, Ohio. Rau also had 10 rebounds and Gray dished out 12 assists and had five steals.

Eugene Phillips and Jake Milarch each had 19 points and Levi Burkett had 16 for Kirtland.

Rau and Phillips were named to the all-tournament team with Kellogg's Barry Shelton and Gogebic's Austin and Nathan Flannery.

Womens Team

ROSCOMMON - After four straight second-place finishes in tournaments over the past two seasons, Kirtland Lady Firebirds coach Jimmy Parker is ready for something different.

"One of these days, we'll be the bride instead of the bridesmaid," he said.

But Parker was anything but disappointed after his team earned the runner-up trophy in the first annual Great North Christmas Tournament.

"It was a very good weekend and I'm very proud of the girls," he said. "They all did a great job."

In the opener Friday, the Lady 'Birds took a very good Finlandia University team into overtime before losing, 72-63, on Friday. Earlier Friday, Finlandia routed Gogebic, 81-43, to seal

the tournament title.

Finlandia, 9-7, was pressed into action because Algoma University College of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, was unable to attend because of weather-related problems.

In what stood as the consolation game Saturday, Kirtland won easily over Gogebic, 82-63.

Becca Miller scored 29 points and Lori Hinkle and Amy Jordan 10 each to power Kirtland, which led, 51-20, at halftime en route to improving its record to 5-7.

Ashley Sadler and Bethany Hanna each had 19 points for Gogebic, 6-6.

In Kirtland's opener, Jeni Kemp had 23 points. Miller had 17 points and Jillian Shultz had 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Lady Firebirds.

Gogebic's Sadler joined Miller and Jordan on the all-tournament team along with Finlandia's Debbie Wesa and Delsie Lukkala. Beth Koski, of Finlandia, was named tournament MVP.

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OBITUARIES

James Alva Kuenzel

Feb. 12, 1938 - Dec. 28, 2002
James Alva Kuenzel, age 64, long time Big Rapids real estate appraiser, died Saturday, December 28 at his residence. He was born on February 12, 1938 in Ann Arbor, the son of Franklin C. and Clara (Caple) Kuenzel and graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1956. Jim graduated from Ferris State College with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and received his REM from the University of Michigan.

A real estate broker, Jim was also certified as a residential and commercial property appraiser. He served on the Mecosta County Building Authority from 1987 to 2001.

Jim was employed at Ferris for 10 years. In 1981, he formed JK & Associates, which he operated until his retirement in 2000.

The things that made Jim happiest were time with his grandchildren, walking with his dog, fly-fishing, hunting, sharing his lodge and ranch on the North Branch with his friends, and riding a good horse in the mountains at sunrise. "Nothing comforts the soul of a man like the back of a good horse," A.B. Caple.

On June 25, 1981, he married Darby Ann Dewey, who survives. Also surviving are his children, Wendy Highland, Michael Kuenzel and Heather (Chip Youngs) Eaton Nowlin, all of Big Rapids and Amy Jelks of Ypsilanti; grandchildren, Jennie Highland Mikayla and Jessica Kuenzel, Mallory Straley, Ashley Nowlin, Logan Youngs, Tony Valencia and Auburn Jelks; his sister Nancy Ann (Duane) Peterson of Ann Arbor; and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, December 31 at St. Paul's Campus Parish, with Father Joe Fix officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Humane Society.

Arrangements by Mohnke Funeral Home.

John Hudaski

Jan. 10, 1924 - Dec. 24, 2002

John Hudaski, age 78, of Grayling, died Tuesday, December 24 at his home. He was born on January 10, 1924 in Newton Falls, Ohio to Michael and Anna Hudaski.

John was married to Irene (Betcher) in 1942 at Mt. Clemens.

Mr. Hudaski resided in Warren, then lived in St. Helen for 20 years before moving to Grayling two years ago. He retired from Bliss & Laughlin Steel of Warren in 1980, where he was employed as a steel worker for 32 years.

John was a member of the Charles M. Engle VFW Post #4159 in Roscommon and served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and Korea.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Anna Hudaski; his wife Irene Hudaski; one daughter, Jane Palovaara; one brother, Michael; two sisters, Mary Kiss and Anna Uhrin, beloved friend Ann Thomas.

He is survived by four children, Irene Wolfe of Warren, Shannnie (Dennis) Larente of Warren, Michael Jakubiec of Warren and Mary (DeWayne) Annabel of Grayling. Also 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at a later date at Fairview Cemetery in St. Helen. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Patricia June Bacon

December 20, 2002

Patricia June Bacon, age 71, of Roscommon, died December 20, 2002.

Services were held on December 22 at Walsh Funeral Home. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Roy Louis Lovely

Sept. 5, 1912 - Dec. 26, 2002

Roy Louis Lovely, age 90, of Grayling, died Thursday, December 26 at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City. He was born on September 5, 1912 to Paul and Emma (LaMotte) Lovely.

Mr. Lovely was married to Glendola "Mo" Cunningham on April 19, 1940 in Grayling.

Roy lived most of his life in Grayling and was retired from the Crawford County Sheriff Department.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Disabled American Veterans, and the Michigan Deputy Sheriff's Association. He was also a licensed barber. Roy served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a gunners mate on the battleship U.S.S. Pennsylvania. He also worked as a City of Grayling Police Officer, and for the Crawford County Road Commission. He later moved to Oxford and opened his own barber shop. After three years he took a position as deputy on the Crawford County Sheriff Department, from which he retired. With the help of his son "Chum," he built a home on the AuSable River where he did a lot of fishing and canoeing. Mr. Lovely enjoyed deer hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Emma Lovely.

Roy is survived by his wife, Mo Lovely; one daughter, Paula (Minard) Harwood of Grayling; two sons, Roy "Chum" (Barbara) Lovely of Grayling and Jerold "Fuzz" (Gayle) Lovely of Oxford; six grandchildren, Shawn (George) Gonzales, Shannon (Steve) Telly; Shane Lovely; Minard Harwood II, Megan Walker, Jennifer (Sean) Whittall and Jamie (Jaime) Lovely; one great-grandchild, Stone Phillip; two sisters, Ruth Golnick and Nina Doremire; two brothers, Leo (Edith) Lovely and Paul (Pauline) Lovely. He will be sadly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchild and friends.

Mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, December 30 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Reverend Robert Nalley officiated. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

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7 - Spaghetti & Meatballs/Chicken Kiev; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; McDonald's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

8 - BBQ Beef Sandwich/Swiss Steak; Commodities at St. Mary's at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. only; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Craft Class at 1 p.m. and Birthday Dinner and White Elephant Auction at 5 and 5:30 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: You are known by the company your mind keeps.

Pelton, Moshier engaged



Stacey Lynn Pelton and Cory J. Moshier

Mr. and Mrs. George Pelton, of Grayling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Lynn, to Cory J. Moshier, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moshier, also of Grayling. No wedding date has been set at this time.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 78 complaints the week of December 23-29:

One EMS response, 10 traffic accidents, 10 non-traffic accidents, two traffic policing, one accident - all other, one school bus inspection, one property inspection, one other inspections, six civil matter disputes - family trouble, nine suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 12 general non-criminal, one run-

away;

Two assault/intimidation/ stalking, one burglary/home invasion, four larceny, one stolen property, two damage to property, one drug/narcotic violations, one family offense/abuse/neglect, six public peace/disorderly, one conservation, two driving violations/DWLS, etc., one driving on revoked/suspended/refused license.

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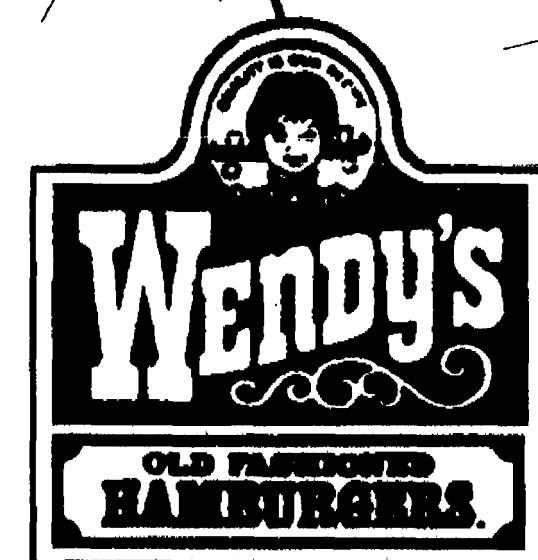
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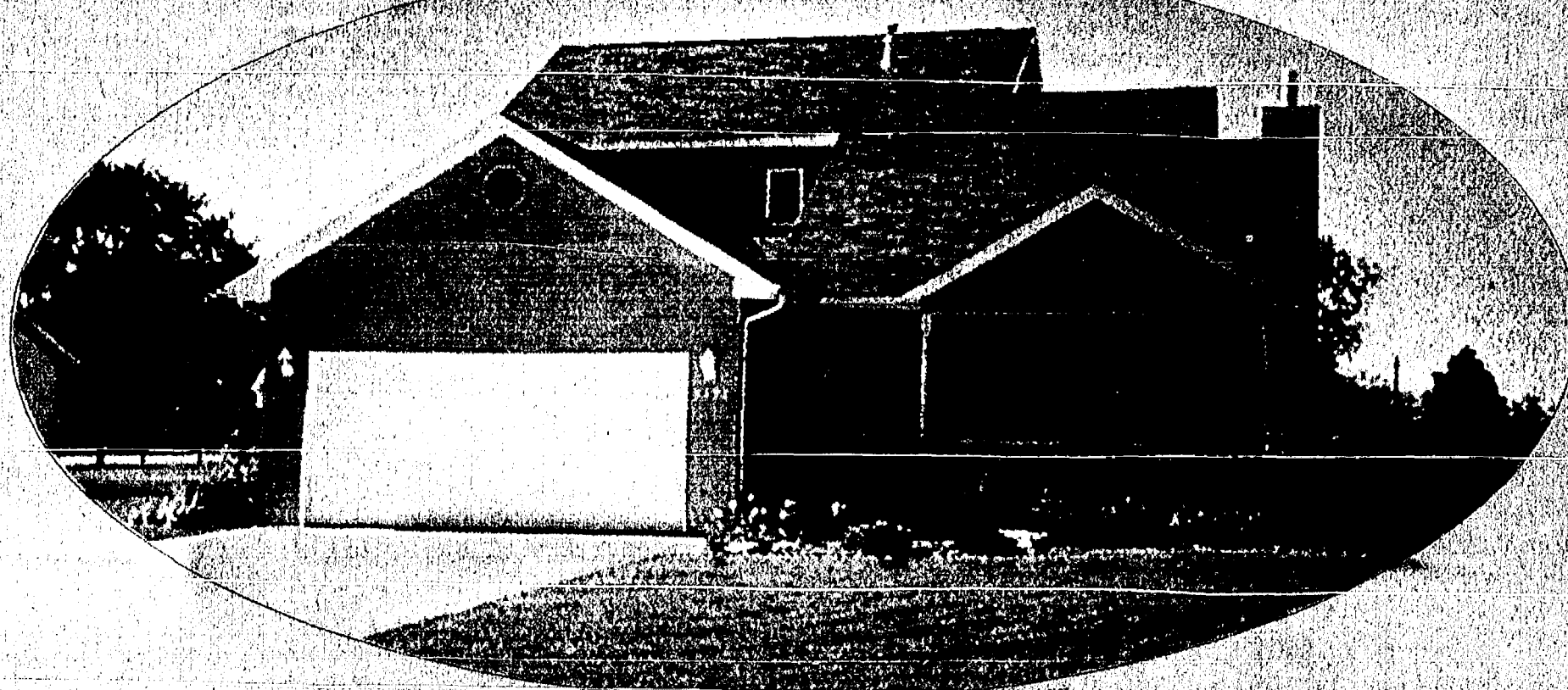
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From the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche

2002: Year In Review

Happy New Year! With 2002 in the books, the Crawford County Avalanche presents Part 1 of its "2002: Year In Review," featuring selected news, sports, and feature story summaries from 2002 Avalanche editions – January through June. (Part 2 of 2002: Year In Review – featuring July through December – will be published in next week's Avalanche.)

Note: Year In Review story summaries are listed according to the month the news story was featured in the Avalanche, which is not necessarily the month in which the events occurred. The date of the Avalanche edition in which the story appeared is included (in parentheses) at the end of each story synopsis.

JANUARY•JANUARY•JANUARY•JANUARY•JANUARY•JANUARY

- Crawford County Assistant Prosecutor David Sabin said he cannot find anything that would create a conflict of interest with Barbara Selesky being on the Commission on Aging Board of Directors. A group of senior citizens complained that Selesky should not be allowed to serve because she owns and operates a senior home in Frederic. (Jan. 3)

- Marti Gosling donated a 1962 GT Hawk Studebaker to River House Shelter. Gosling won the classic car at Turtle Creek Casino in April, 2001. (Jan. 3)

- The first comprehensive report charting Michigan's environmental trends has been released, and serves as a building block for continued assessment according to the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural Resources. (Jan. 3)

- Chief Judge Alton T. Davis granted a motion allowing defense attorney David Fregalle to withdraw from representing murder suspect Randee Craig Johnson in his trial set to begin February 11. Johnson had been charged with one count of open murder in the shooting death of Shane Piehl in May 2001. (Jan. 10)

- Michael Patrick Bergan of Beaver Creek Township was sentenced January 7 in Crawford County's 46th

- Circuit Trial Court to 36 months to 10 years in state prison for stealing \$150,000 from a local businessman last July. (Jan. 10)

- The Honorable Judge Dennis Murphy postponed the sentencing of Michael Tironi, who formerly owned a Grayling teen center. Tironi was found guilty on charges of Criminal Sexual Conduct - 2nd Degree in November 2001. No definitive answer was given as to why there is a delay in sentencing but it is not a highly unusual occurrence said a court spokesman. (Jan. 10)

- Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park recently opened its slopes and trails, after a slow start to winter stalled an earlier attempt at starting the 2001-02 winter season. (Jan. 10)

- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners unanimously re-elected Scott Hanson as Chairman and Terry Beardslee as Vice Chairman at their annual organizational meeting. Committee assignments were also made at the meeting. (Jan. 10)

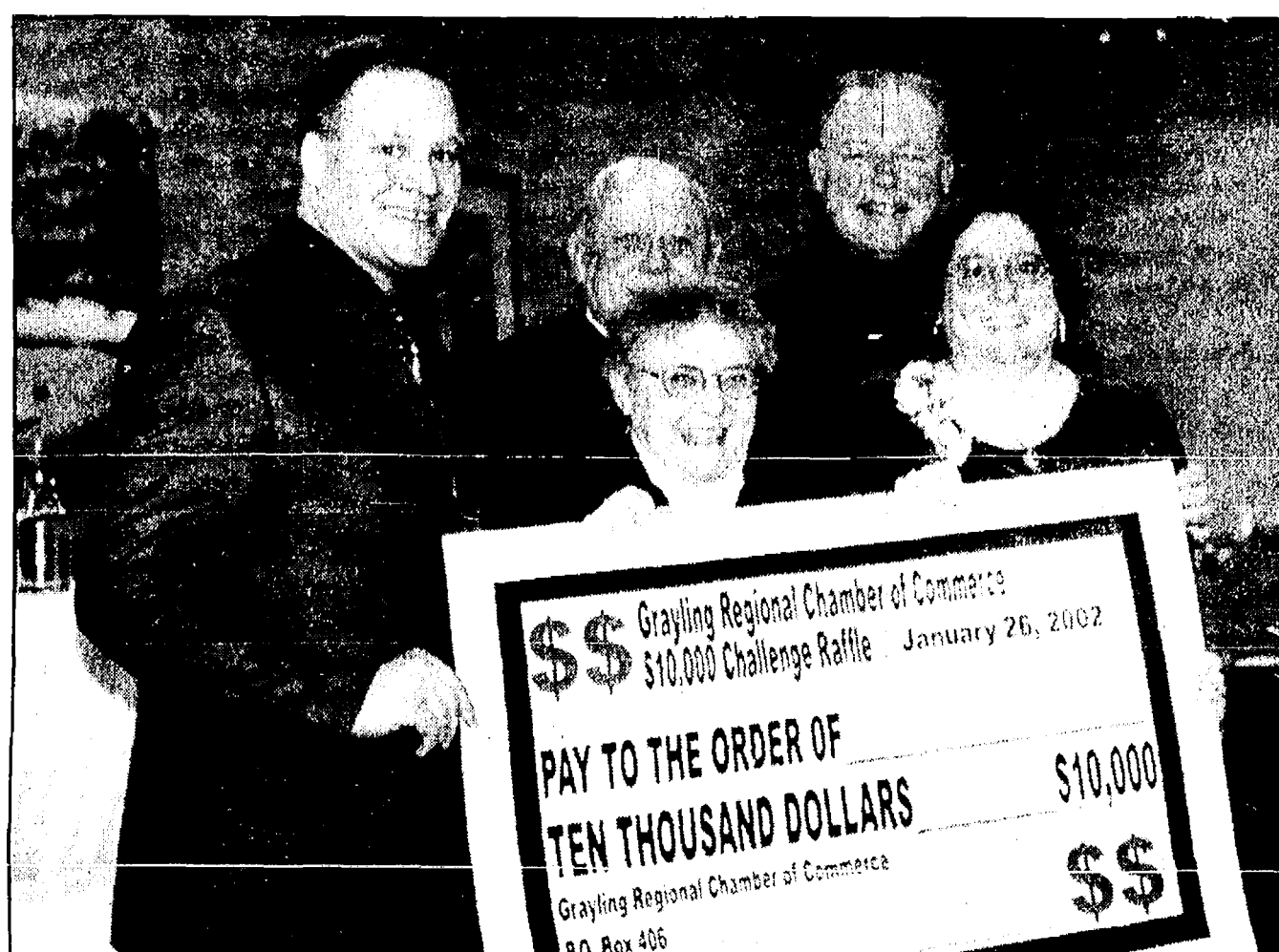
- A joint venture between the City of Grayling and the Crawford AuSable School District is currently working to create a dual-purpose, outdoor ice rink within the city limits. (Jan. 10)

- After nearly four years of negotiations the county finalized a six year nine month contract with members of the Police Officers Association of Michigan and the Command Officers Association of Michigan. This is the first time since January 1, 1998 that union employees with the Crawford County Sheriff Department received a pay raise. (Jan. 17)

- Members of the 745th Ordnance Company out of Camp Grayling will be taking RONS the robot with them next month as they provide security for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. RONS is a highly-sophisticated Remote Ordnance Neutralization System designed to handle suspicious packages and other potentially dangerous items. (Jan. 17)

- Hanson Hills was forced to close its slopes and trails again due to several days of unseasonably warm weather and no snow. The Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Challenge cross country ski races, due to be held this past weekend were postponed until March 2 and 3. (Jan. 17)

- With the ribbon cutting for the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library just around the corner, the Library Board hired Edward Elsner as the new director to oversee operations at the main branch,



Chamber of Commerce's \$10,000 Raffle (Jan. 31 edition)

- as well as those located in Frederic, Lovells, and Beaver Creek Townships. (Jan. 17)

- The Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division has awarded the Crawford AuSable School District's Transportation Department a Certificate of Excellence for achieving a "100% pass rate" for school bus safety inspections during the 2000-2001 school year. (Jan. 24)

- Last week the Grayling Uptown District Association and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce asked the city council to once again

- consider establishing a downtown development authority (DDA). (Jan. 24)

- In an effort to establish and maintain a statewide databank of DNA profiles, the State of Michigan is now mandating collection of DNA samples by local law enforcement beginning January 1. (Jan. 24)

- Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Milli Haug announced the impending retirement of Grayling High School principal, Judi Gorski. Gorski has been on medical leave since

- September, 2001. (Jan. 31)

- Therese Kaiser told everyone she knew that she was going to win the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's \$10,000 grand prize because the drawing would fall on her birthday. She was right. (Jan. 31)

- Patrick Fragel, defense attorney for Michael Tironi, has asked for a new trial. Fragel reported that a juror who hadn't revealed during jury selection that he had a reason to be excused from the case has since come forward. (Jan. 31)

FEBRUARY•FEBRUARY•FEBRUARY•FEBRUARY•FEBRUARY

- Sheriff Dave Lovely has opted to take advantage of the early retirement program offered by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners in their effort to trim the budget. (Feb. 7)

- Four people were injured when the car they were riding in left Old US-27 and crashed into the River County Motor Lodge sign. The car then rolled over, trapping the victims inside. (Feb. 7)

- On February 4, Randee Craig Johnson's new court appointed attorney, Jim Hunt of Traverse City, requested an adjournment of the trial to allow him time to prepare the defense. The trial which was to begin in a week will now begin sometime between the end of March and May. (Feb. 7)

- The 1957 Grayling High School boys basketball team and its cheerleaders were honored on Saturday at Grayling Middle School. The 1957 team advanced to the state semi-finals, the farthest a GHS basketball squad has gone in

- the post-season. (Feb. 7)

- Three Grayling teenagers were arrested early on the morning of February 9 by the Michigan State Police. The teens allegedly broke into the River Park Campground party store near Hartwick Pines State Park. Family members kept the suspects from fleeing after the incident. (Feb. 14)

- Brenda Hedden was hired last week as the new principal of Grayling High School. (Feb. 14)

- The Grayling High School boys ski team finished second in its conference last week and the girls finished third after competing in the final league meet of the year. (Feb. 14)

- Naval Commander Mark Kelly, who was part of a crew of 10 that traveled in the Space Shuttle Endeavor to the International Space Station, recently shared his experiences in space with AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary School students. (Feb. 14)

- The Grayling City Council agreed to let Grayling High

- School use the Crawford County Library building on James Street for its media center during the upcoming GHS renovation project. (Feb. 21)

- Three applicants for position of Interim Sheriff in Crawford County are Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield, Tim Coe who was a 2000 write-in candidate for Sheriff and Randee Craig Johnson, a current inmate in the county jail. (Feb. 21)

- Shayla Moore was selected 2002 Grayling Junior Miss. 1st Runner-Up is Andi Holzbauer and 2nd Runner-Up is Sarah Golinick. (Feb. 21)

- The Grayling Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favor of paving Whirlpool Road which runs south off of North Down River Road. (Feb. 21)

- Four Grayling High School wrestlers – Adam Malone, Andy Palmer, Dusty Partello, and Brandon Pratt – placed high enough at last week's Individual Districts competition to earn a spot at Regionals. (Feb. 21)



Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon (Feb. 28 edition)

- Two of Grayling High School's girls ski team members – Kelly Jansen and Andria Alvarez – finished high enough at last week's Regional Ski Meet to qualify for the State Finals. (Feb. 21)

- Kirk Wakefield was named to the position of Interim Sheriff. Shawn Kraycs was named Undersheriff. (Feb. 28)

- Winner of the Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon (paddling on the AuSable River, snowshoeing at Rayburn's and cross country skiing at Hanson Hills) was Bill Torongo. Sarah

- Cockrell had the best women's division time. (Feb. 28)

- The State of Michigan has been asked to help resolve the stalemate between Crawford County and the Honorable Chief Judge Alton Davis of the 46th Circuit Trial Court over funding issues. (Feb. 28)

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2002: Year In Review – MARCH

- The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Crawford County United Way are teaming up on a new annual fund-raiser, a \$20,000 raffle that will feature \$35,000 in cash prizes, including the \$20,000 grand prize. The event, to be held in September, will replace the Chamber's \$10,000 Raffle and United Way's CARE Night. (Mar. 7)

- Amid a swirl of controversy Barbara Selesky resigned from the Commission on Aging board effective January 22. (Mar. 7)

- The Grayling area received about 12 inches of snow over the weekend resulting in power outages, accidents, and school cancellations. (Mar. 7)

- Grayling High School wrestler Dusty Partello, who won his weight class at Districts, recently qualified for the State Wrestling Finals by placing third in his weight class at the Regional Meet in Reed City. (Mar. 7)

- Two Grayling High School skiers – Kelly Jansen and Andria Alvarez – were among 71 racers to compete in the Girls State Finals Ski Meet at Marquette Mountain. Jansen finished 21st in Giant Slalom and Alvarez finished 33rd. (Mar. 7)

- Kmart, or "Big K," employees in Grayling will not be losing their jobs due to the recent bankruptcy filing by the Troy headquartered firm. The store will remain open during the company's reorganization. (Mar. 14)

- On Tuesday, March 12, Military Police members of the Michigan Army National Guard began arriving at Camp Grayling to start in-processing and training for



Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library ribbon cutting ceremony (Mar. 21 edition)

assignments supporting national security operations. The members of the Michigan Army Guard are scheduled to support this mission for 180 days to provide enhanced security. (Mar. 14)

- A decision was handed down on Monday, March 18 by 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy to call a mistrial in the criminal sexual conduct case of Michael Tironi, a former Grayling teen center owner. (Mar. 21)

- The Grayling City Council voted 3-1 last Monday to decrease the city's income tax from one percent to 1/2 percent, effective January 1, 2002. (Mar. 21)

- A March 15 ribbon cutting ceremony marked the opening of the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. (Mar. 21)

- The Rotary Minstrel Show put on every few years by the Grayling Rotary Club enlists its "talented" members to create a show known to lampoon the locals. The show is a major fund-raising event for the organization whose members serve the community in many ways throughout the year. (Mar. 21)

- Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers has teamed up with Cellular One of Grayling, the Crawford County Sheriff Department and the Grayling City Police to form a new program called, "Cell Phones for Seniors." The donated cell phones will be donated to senior citizens which will allow them to dial 911 from their homes or vehicles in the case of an emergency. (Mar. 28)

- The fourth house in less than a month has fallen victim to fire. The first house fire

occurred on February 26 in Grayling Township, followed on March 7 by another fire in the Township. On March 12 a South Branch Township house burned and most recently, on March 22, a house fire was reported in the City of Grayling. (Mar. 28)

- Grayling resident Michael Olson has qualified and will compete in the 2002 Nastar Ski Racing National championships, March 28-31 at Park City Mountain Resort in Park City, Utah. (Mar. 28)

- Competing in the 60-64 year old age group, local resident Stephen Cohen recently completed an undefeated 2002 Midwest Indoor Track season with a victory in the shotput at the Midwest Masters Track and Field Championships in New Lenox, Illinois. (Mar. 28)

2002: Year In Review – APRIL

- The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCoy of Frederic Township caught fire after an explosion caused by a leak in a copper pipe attached to the gas tank allowed vapors to collect and ignite when the furnace ignited. (April 4)

- Grayling City Council votes for a referendum on expanding the use of the city income tax. If the referendum fails, the tax will be cut in half effective January 1, 2003. (April 4)

- Grayling Middle School wrestlers Joel Wilson and Jeff Bancroft completed undefeated seasons. Wilson posted a 15-0 record, and Bancroft finished at 10-0. (April 4)

- Kathryn Anne Olson, a Grayling Middle School teacher turned herself in to authorities on April 9 for allegedly making a bomb threat to the school on March 11. (April 11)

- Six people to run for two Crawford AuSable School District board seats – incumbents Carol Ramaswamy and John Pilon. Also applying were Rodney Lobsinger, Rick Schmidt, Pat Merrill and Louis Madill. (April 11)

- Grayling Fire Chief Duane Brooks, Grayling Township Zoning Officer Joe Ferrigan and DNR Wildfire Supervisor Larry Allwardt were given a recognition award at the national Firewise Communities meeting in San Diego. (April 11)

- Due to recent weather conditions "Opening Day" for GHS varsity baseball and softball teams have been canceled, postponed or moved to

an out of town venue. (April 11)

- Three seniors on Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team earned all conference nods for the 2001-02 season. (April 11)

- The Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education has accepted the resignation of a Grayling Middle School teacher who allegedly made a bomb threat against the school on March 11. (April 18)

- Grayling City Patrolman, Timothy G. Coe, has announced he will be seeking the Republican nomination for the office of Crawford County Sheriff in the August 6 primary election. (April 18)

- Grayling Police arrested two youths last Thursday when they were found breaking into empty railroad cars near the Crawford County Historic Museum. (April 18)

- Over 1,000 homes and businesses in Crawford County were affected by power outages Thursday evening, April 18, when severe thunderstorms moved through the area. The front went through mid-morning creating a spectacular display of ominous looking clouds. Heavy rains with brilliant lightning swept through the area that day and into the night. (April 25)

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2002: Year In Review – MAY



Loyalty Day celebration at Crawford County Courthouse (May 9 edition)

• Crawford County Emergency Management held its annual Emergency Preparedness exercise which included a plethora of disasters – both natural and man-made. (May 2)

• The Crawford Adult Resource Exchange (C.A.R.E.) sponsored a day-long Community Resource Expo to help adults in the county find proper care and know what services are available for them. (May 2)

• When three local Boy Scout troops set out to collect food, personal hygiene products and paper products to help stock the shelves of the local food pantry, little did they know the community was ready to give in a big way. (May 2)

• The Crawford County Road Commission Board approved final plans for a 2002 project that will involve replacement of Wilcox Bridge – located just north of North Down River Road over the AuSable East Branch – with a new timber bridge. (May 2)

• Michael Olson, 10, of Grayling won the silver medal in his division at the Nastar National Ski Championships in Park City, Utah on March 30. (May 2)

• Two Special Olympians from Grayling – Dawn Whaley and Cassie Merrithew – were members of the Northland Lady Huskies basketball team that recently won the Division III state title at this year's Michigan Special Olympics Basketball Championships. (May 2)

• After several delays due to funding issues, the Old Lake

Road resurfacing project is now underway. (May 2)

• A group of veterans, spouses and other citizens met in front of the Crawford County Courthouse for "Loyalty Day," an occasion designed to celebrate the loyalty between our men and women in the military, past and present. (May 9)

• A battle over a new retirement plan proposed last year by the 46th Circuit Trial Court continues to simmer, but a compromise may be on the horizon. Two meetings have been set to discuss the ongoing funding dispute. (May 9)

• Groundbreaking for Grayling High School improvements occurred May 1. (May 9)

• A train carrying six armored vehicles derailed when rotting railroad ties failed and the rail broke, sending the train into the dirt. (May 9)

• Jeff Kolka of Grayling and his canoeing partner, Serge Corbin of St. Boniface, Quebec won the Run of the Charles River in Boston. (May 9)

• Grayling City Mayor and local businessman, Dave Wyman, announced he is seeking the Republican nomination for the 106th District seat in the State House of Representatives. (May 16)

• Jury selection began Tuesday morning in the capital murder trial of Rande Craig Johnson, of Beaver Creek Township, suspected of shooting to death Shane Piehl last May. (May 16)

• Commissioners and Controllers from Crawford,

Kalkaska and Otsego Counties met with court administrators and all the judges from the 46th Circuit Trial Court to air their opinions about financing. Many complained of a lack of communication between the counties, as well as between the court and each county. (May 16)

• Two Grayling teens were taken into custody pending breaking and entering charges after a neighbor reported suspicious activity around a home on State Street that afternoon. The teens were skipping school and showed signs they had been using inhalants or "huffing." (May 16)

• The Animal Shelter of Crawford County helped the Detroit Zoo and sponsoring Michigan Humane Society set a new record for adoptions of homeless dogs and cats. The local shelter transported 47 animals, and found homes for all of them. (May 17)

• With no murder weapon and no eyewitness to the crime, Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss is relying on phone records, receipts and conversations to prove a Beaver Creek Township man played a role in the murder of 21-year old Shane Piehl. (May 23)

• Proceedings will begin June 10 in Kalkaska's 46th Circuit Trial Court in the re-trial of former Grayling teen center owner, 40-year old Michael Tironi. (May 23)

• Camp Grayling's beach and boat launch, located on the south end of Lake Margrethe – open for years to the public – remains closed. (May 23)

• Board member Gloria Kraus said she did not feel the information the board received on the outreach program was "as thorough as it needed to be" at the regular Commission on Aging Board meeting. (May 23)

• Several hundred people attended the dedication of the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County library. (May 23)

• Family and friends of Rande Craig Johnson waited patiently outside the door of the Crawford County Jail late Friday afternoon after he was acquitted of murder charges. (May 30)

• About 150 acres of forest land near Smith Bridge Road, north of M-72 East, fell victim to fire last Friday when someone accidentally started a blaze while trying to get rid of some caterpillars by using a blow torch. (May 30)

• Members of the Grayling Elementary safety patrol were recognized for outstanding performance this year at an assembly before their peers. (May 30)

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WEEKDAY SCHEDULED SERVICES TO:

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Leaves Grayling	5:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	6:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

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Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

M-72 EAST

Leaves Grayling	6:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	7:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

M-72 WEST

Demand Response Service
Calls Worked in Between Other Runs

BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON

Leaves Grayling	7:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:00 p.m.*
Leaves Grayling	2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	4:30 p.m.

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SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2003

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Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2003

Destination: Turtle Creek Casino - Traverse City

Departs Grayling: 9:00 a.m.

Arrives Back In Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

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Rande Craig Johnson, acquitted of murder charges (May 30 edition)

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2002: Year In Review – JUNE



Charlie's Third Annual Truck Show (June 6 edition)

- The Grayling Enhancement Committee received word that their "streetscape" grant had been approved. The grant contains over \$441,000 in federal funds, and just over \$361,000 in matching funds from the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Grayling. The money will be used to completely rework a portion of Grayling's I-75 Business loop, from the south expressway exit to M-72. (June 6)
- When the Grayling City Council adopted its budget for fiscal year 2002-03 it included \$105,000 for "community improvement," a 4% increase in water rates, \$598,000 for street and sidewalk projects, and funds for professional fees associated with the construction of a new city hall building. (June 6)
- The Crawford AuSable Preschool received accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. (June 6)
- The Grayling High School varsity baseball team won the Second Annual Alumni Baseball Game. (June 6)
- Slightly over seven percent of the registered voters turned out at the annual school election and returned incumbents Carol Ramaswamy and John "Jack" Pilon to the Crawford AuSable School District Board. (June 13)
- CSI Industrial Systems Corporation in Grayling closed its doors June 7, throwing 75 people out of work. (June 13)
- Former Grayling Middle School teacher, Kathryn Anne Olson, waived her right to a preliminary examination in 83rd District Court on June 6 and has been bound over for trial in 46th Circuit Court. (June 13)
- Grayling's American Youth Soccer Organization U-10 team recently finished its spring soccer season with an undefeated record. (June 13)
- Nearly two years have passed since a former Grayling teen center owner was first accused of sexual misconduct with an 18-year old. Michael Tironi will now face sentencing in the case following a "no contest" plea before the Honorable Dennis F. Murphy on June 10. (June 20)
- Last minute scrambles by local residents to file for write-in status resulted in new trustees for both COOR Intermediate School Board of Education and the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees. (June 20)
- The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is currently trying to find a way to address economic development needs in Crawford County – possibly through the hiring of an economic developer. (June 27)
- A \$2 million federal grant was recently approved for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to pay for AuSable River restoration projects, including a plan to lower the AuSable Millpond Dam at the city park up to one foot over the course of several years. (June 27)
- Following months of negotiations, the 46th Unified Trial Court has come to an agreement concerning funding and retirement benefits with Commissioners in Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego counties. (June 27)
- State officials have suspended the family day care license of a Grayling Township woman following an investigation of alleged criminal sexual conduct by a member of her household. (June 27)
- Grayling Little League's 11-12 year-old all-star baseball team recently took second in a June tournament. (June 27)

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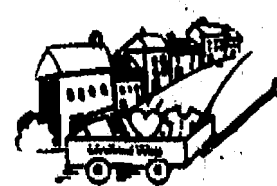
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2. NY Giants
3. New England
4. Washington
5. Buffalo
6. Cleveland
7. Tennessee
8. Carolina
9. Pittsburgh (65)
10. Indianapolis
11. NY Jets
12. Denver
13. Seattle
14. Oakland
15. Virginia
16. Wisconsin (59)

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- \$50 -- Grayling Avalanche
- \$10 Gift Certificate -- Riverland Gear
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- One Free Extreme Mug -- 7- Eleven
- \$10 Gift Certificate -- Abel Auto
- One House Specialty Burrito a \$6.95 Value -- Gray Rock Cafe

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1. Indianapolis vs. NY Jets

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Game 2		Game 9		Game 16	
Game 3		Game 10			
Game 4		Game 11			
Game 5		Game 12		Tiebreaker 1 Game #1	
Game 6		Game 13		Tiebreaker 2 game #9	
Game 7		Game 14		Tiebreaker 3 game #16	

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breaker can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF **SHOW CAUSE HEARING** AND **JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING**
NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2002 real estate with unpaid 1998, 2000 and/or prior years property taxes was forfeited to the Crawford County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.

The State of Michigan is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on this property for unpaid property taxes.

There are two hearings scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for , January 15, 2003-January 31, 2003 at 608 S Washington, Lansing MI 48933.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A Judicial Foreclosure Hearing is scheduled for 9:00 AM, 02/06/03 at the 46th Circuit Court, 200 W Michigan Ave, Grayling MI 49738.

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the State of Michigan, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 02-5819-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the right to redeem this parcel from the foreclosure process by payment of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. You should contact the Crawford County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid within 21 days after judgment is entered in the foreclosure proceedings.

PLEASE NOTE :

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any undischarged, apparent, or potential title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are NOT being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is no procedure for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed may become available at public auction in July, September, and November of 2003. These parcels remain the property of their current owner until redemption rights have expired. No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The amount due listed indicates the balance which was due as of forfeiture on March 1, 2002. The current amount required to redeem must be obtained from the Crawford County Treasurer, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

Name	Parcel #	Amount	Name	Parcel #	Amount	Name	Parcel #	Amount
ABILITY BAIL BOND SERVICES AGENCY INC	050-019-004-420-00	\$2,954.95	EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK	040-42-012-15-260-00	\$914.59	NORTHWOOD LAND CO	031-021-010-005-02	\$355.55
ALAN J BROWN	010-14-400-00-002-00	\$276.40	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	OBERG, MICHELLE	070-182-005-001-00	\$965.15
BANCROFT, LISA MARIE	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	OLD KENT BANK	070-100-008-006-00	\$1,023.46
BANK ONE, N.A.	010-14-400-00-017-00	\$1,621.62	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	OPALINSKI, CHERYL D	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27
BATESON, SUSAN	070-100-016-010-00	\$6,062.98	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	OPALINSKI, VINCENT	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27
BATESON, SUSAN H	070-100-016-003-00	\$2,888.01	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	PATNODE, CHARLIE	050-020-005-020-00	\$979.55
BEARSS, GARY	020-028-001-032-00	\$710.07	FARMERS HOME ADM	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	PEDROTTE, LEO C	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$908.37
BEARSS, JERRY S	020-028-001-032-00	\$710.07	FIRST NATIONAL	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	PEDROTTE, MARGARETTE	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$908.37
BEARSS, RONALD E	020-028-001-032-00	\$710.07	FITZGERALD, MARK	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$748.82	PELTON, GEORGE	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30
BELL, MARLENE	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	FLAGSTAR BANK F.S.D.	062-020-016-040-07	\$451.63	PELTON, LINDA	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30
BELL, RAYMOND C	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	FORCE, TRACIE V	010-14-400-00-165-00	\$3,970.88	PERRY, KAREN E	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76
BIEHL, JERRY, TRUSTEE	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	FORD, JOYCE A	052-520-000-450-00	\$464.56	PERRY, WILLIAM D	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76
BIEHL, JERRY, TRUSTEE	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	FORD, LEONA E	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	PITTS, MARY	040-41-024-13-050-00	\$785.43
BIEHL, JERRY, TRUSTEE	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	FOSTER, RICHARD J	030-020-013-002-00	\$648.46	PIZZI, ANTHONY S	070-120-004-011-00	\$1,946.00
BIEHL, JERRY, TRUSTEE	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	FOSTER, RUTH M	030-020-013-002-00	\$648.46	PIZZI, GAYE	070-120-004-011-00	\$1,946.00
BISHOP, ROBERT D	064-160-000-005-00	\$425.47	FRANKLIN, JECZEN J	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$408.72	PIZZI, GAYE	070-132-001-001-04	\$2,141.56
BISHOP, SANDRA S	064-160-000-005-00	\$425.47	FRANKLIN, STEVEN P	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$408.72	POPE, BETTY L	050-019-011-285-00	\$538.16
BONDROFF, CHERYL A	052-520-000-383-00	\$336.00	FREGOLLE & FREGOLLE PC	050-019-004-120-00	\$1,071.77	POPE, MICHAEL G	050-019-011-285-00	\$538.16
BONDROFF, TIMOTHY	052-520-000-383-00	\$336.00	GLADWIN, JAY	052-520-000-540-00	\$553.44	PRESCOTT, BILL	062-020-016-040-07	\$451.63
BROWN, DIANE M	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	GRATHOFF, DAVID T	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	PRINCE, FELIX F	062-032-010-190-00	\$861.30
BROWN, DIANE M	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	GRATHOFF, DAWN M	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	PRINCE, PATRICIA G	062-032-010-190-00	\$861.30
BROWN, DIANE M	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	GREEN TREE FINANCIAL	020-019-014-035-00	\$1,261.40	RAY, GAIL S	010-13-024-13-020-06	\$1,088.69
BROWN, DIANE M	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	GREENPOINT CREDIT LLC	070-131-004-015-02	\$2,349.40	RAY, RONALD E	010-13-024-13-020-06	\$1,088.69
BROWN, J ALAN	010-14-400-00-002-00	\$276.40	GROSS, STEVEN D	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$408.72	RELIABLE SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT	070-100-008-006-00	\$1,023.46
BROWN, MRS J ALAN	010-14-400-00-002-00	\$276.40	HABBERT, DAVID	052-520-000-397-00	\$786.74	RHINEHART, WILLIAM R	052-520-000-540-00	\$553.44
BRYAN, OPAL	010-14-400-00-236-00	\$268.66	HABBERT, DAWN	052-520-000-397-00	\$786.74	ROBINSON, BARBARA	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$914.59
BRYAN, RAYMOND	010-14-400-00-236-00	\$268.66	HALL, AUSTIN E	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26	ROBINSON, EDWARD II	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$914.59
BURNETT, COLLIN K	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	HALL, CAROLINE, TRUSTE M	030-027-010-040-00	\$760.49	ROCKHOLD, ALBERT L	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78
CAMPBELL, DAVID	052-520-000-518-00	\$395.93	HALL, GERALDINE	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26	ROTH/DOTTS, CHERYL M	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$408.72
CAMPBELL, LYNDIA	052-520-000-518-00	\$395.93	HALSTEAD, KENNETH	030-011-001-109-00	\$816.31	SAPIEGA, CARL R	032-103-000-243-00	\$444.82
CAMPBELL, MICHAEL D	052-520-000-518-00	\$395.93	HARMER, TODD	040-45-283-00-135-00	\$487.74	SAPIEGA, FRANCES A	032-103-000-243-00	\$444.82
CARPENTER COOK CO	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	HARTWICK, CAROL A	031-011-006-180-00	\$777.59	SAWYER, NORBERTA M	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.99
CASE, SHAWN STARR	040-40-016-14-060-00	\$433.39	HARTWICK, JAMES F	031-011-006-180-00	\$777.59	SCHMIDTENDORFF, LINDA L, TRUSTEE OF THE THERON H		
CHAPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	HINKLE, MEGHAN M	050-020-005-020-00	\$979.55	WHITE DECLARATION OF TRUST		
CHAPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORP	051-002-009-055-00	\$1,573.37	SHAMOUN, KAREN	070-100-008-003-00	\$4,884.05
CHAPPEL, MRS RONALD G	032-102-000-194-00	\$399.41	HURST, PATRICIA C	031-011-006-146-00	\$701.84	SHEPLER, BETHLYN R	062-036-004-040-00	\$862.60
CHAPPEL, MRS. RONALD	031-011-006-146-00	\$701.84	IRS	051-002-009-055-00	\$1,573.37	SHEPLER, BETHLYN R	070-100-015-001-02	\$2,892.78
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	031-011-006-146-00	\$701.84	JOHNSON, RANDEE C	050-019-004-120-00	\$1,071.77	SHEPLER, JAMES H	070-100-015-001-05	\$2,892.78
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-102-000-194-00	\$399.41	JONES, JAMES M	064-830-000-027-00	\$781.81	SHEPLER, JAMES H	070-100-015-001-05	\$2,892.78
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	JONES, JOYCE M	064-830-000-027-00	\$781.81	SHILLIDAY, JOHN A	010-11-027-15-040-00	\$1,146.05
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	JOSEPH, MICHAEL	020-019-014-035-00	\$1,261.40	SHILLIDAY, LENA	010-11-027-15-040-00	\$1,146.05
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	JOSEPH, RENEE	020-019-014-035-00	\$1,261.40	SILVER FOX ENTERPRISES, INC.	070-100-008-003-00	\$4,884.05
CHAPPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	JUNTILA, DAWN M	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$748.82	SKORSKI, MARTIN E	040-41-036-06-025-00	\$366.50
CHAPPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	JUNTILA, JOHN N	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$748.82	SMITH, BRUCE	070-110-000-018-00	\$992.16
CHAPPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	KIMBALL, GLEN	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	SMITH, CORRINE	070-110-000-018-00	\$992.16
CHUPAILO, ALFRED	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	KNIESPECK, MICHAEL	050-031-010-080-00	\$2,970.97	SOUTHARD, CECILIA	070-110-000-013-00	\$2,691.57
CHUPAILO, ALVENA	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	KNIESPECK, SPAN	050-031-010-080-00	\$2,970.97	SOUTHARD, CECILIA	070-110-000-018-00	\$992.16
CHUPAILO, GREG	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	KOBEL, H A	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	SOUTHARD, CECILIA	070-110-001-001-00	\$7,906.50
CHUPAILO, MRS ALFRED	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	KOBEL, HENRY W	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	SOUTHARD, STEPHEN	070-110-000-013-00	\$2,691.57
CITIFINANCIAL INC	040-40-007-08-060-00	\$2,191.60	KOBEL, HOWARD S	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	SOUTHARD, STEPHEN	070-110-000-018-00	\$992.16
CITIZENS BANK	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$908.37	KOGELMAN, CYNTHIA S	030-002-006-120-00	\$1,614.41	SOUTHARD, STEPHEN	070-110-001-001-00	\$7,906.50
CONKLIN, CAROL	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	KOGELMAN, RANDALL	030-002-006-120-00	\$1,614.41	STEPHEN TWOREK ETAL	040-43-033-07-020-00	\$654.05
CONKLIN, CAROL	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	LABEAN, LARRY L	064-161-000-040-00	\$931.19	SWAN FAMILY LTD	050-019-004-120-00	\$1,071.77
CONKLIN, KENNETH	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	LASH, LLEANA	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30	SY, ALFRED	064-830-000-027-00	\$781.81
CONKLIN, KENNETH	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	LEE, FERN	070-132-001-001-04	\$2,141.56	SY, FLORENCE	064-830-000-027-00	\$781.81
CONKLIN, THELMA S	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	LEHMAN, CAROL	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26	THERON H WHITE TRUST	070-100-008-003-00	\$4,884.05
CONSECO ACCEPTANCE, GREEN TREE NKA	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78	LIAKOS, ARTHUR	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30	THERRIEN, TRACIE VIOLET		
CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP, GREEN TREE	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78	LIAKOS, EUGENE	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30			
CONSECO, GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERV NKA	040-40-007-08-060-00	\$2,191.60	LOVE, DEBORAH K	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86			
CONSECO, GREEN TREE NKA	050-020-005-020-00	\$979.55	LOVE, KEVIN E	032-102-000-194-00	\$399.41			
CONSECO, GREEN TREE NKA	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$914.59	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86			
CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$1,877.54	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86			
CORBIN, DEBORAH K	010-14-400-00-017-00	\$1,621.62	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$1,877.54			
CORBIN, DEBORAH K	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY	070-120-004-011-00	\$1,946.00			
CORBIN, RICK V	010-14-400-00-017-00	\$1,621.62	MASTRANTONIO, JOHN BERNARD	010-13-013-14-300-00	\$307.20			
CORBIN, RICK V	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	MASTRANTONIO, MRS. JOHN B	010-13-013-14-300-00	\$307.20			
CRAFT, GLEN	040-40-010-07-100-00	\$406.50	MATTHEWS, KAY	040-42-012-15-260-00	\$914.59			
CRAWFORD COUNTY	070-100-016-010-00	\$6,062.98	MAY, ERNEST S	010-11-027-15-040-00	\$1,146.05			
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	070-100-015-001-02	\$2,892.78	MCCLEAN, RONALD	040-43-033-07-020-00	\$654.05			
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION + COMMUNITY	040-40-031-03-120-00	\$280.86	MCCLEAN, TAMMY	040-40-010-07-100-00	\$406.50			
DEVE	040-40-031-03-120-00	\$280.86	MCKEE, DAVID P	052-520-000-636-00	\$396.43			
DAUGHERTY, PAUL M, TRUSTEE OF THE NORMA E	010-13-024-13-020-06	\$1,088.69	MCWILLIAMS, DUANE	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26			
DAUGHERTY, PAUL M, TRUSTEE OF THE NORMA E	010-13-024-13-020-06	\$1,088.69	MCWILLIAMS, HELEN	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26			
DAVIS JEWELERS	070-100-015-001-02	\$2,892.78	MCWILLIAMS, RICHARD D	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26			
DAVIS JEWELERS	070-100-015-001-05	\$288.27	MEDLEY, DAVID	030-020-013-002-00	\$648.46			
DAWSON, ERNEST F.	070-182-005-001-00	\$965.15	MERADITH, JOHN	051-002-009-055-00	\$1,573.37			
DAY, CLEO	040-40-031-03-120-00	\$280.86	MERADITH, LEXIS L	051-002-009-055-00	\$1,573.37			
DAY, SCOTT	040-40-031-03-120-00	\$280.86	MOBLEY, RAY W	052-520-000-636-00	\$396.43			
DEBOISE, DOROTHY	040-							

LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan A. Boardman and Robert F. Boardman, a married man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 1995, and recorded on November 15, 1995 in Liber 403 on Page 201 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Two and 32/100 dollars (\$48,122.32), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002
For information, please call:
Team C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200113993
Team C

-19-26-02-09-16

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence Spicer and Valerie Spicer, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety (original mortgagors) to Rock Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 29, 1999, and recorded on August 12, 1999 in Liber 488 on Page 281 in Crawford County Records Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated July 29, 1999, which was recorded on July 31, 2001, in Liber 0545 on Page 408 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eight and 85/100 dollars (\$95,708.85), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 15, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 5, 2002
For information, please call:
Team X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200232414
Team X

-05-12-19-26-02

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rick V. Corbin and Deborah K. Corbin, his wife FNA Rick V. Corbin and Deborah K. Love to Continmortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 8, 1998, and recorded on October 21, 1998, in Liber 466, on page 43 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-4, Agreement dated 12-17-98, by an assignment dated February 15, 2001, and recorded on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, on page 552 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty three thousand three hundred fifty seven and 19/100 dollars (\$43,357.19), including interest at 11.450% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m., on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lots #229 and #230, Northern Heights, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
(248) 540-7701
Manufacturers & Traders
Trust Company, Trustee for

Securitization Series 1998-4,
Agreement dated December 17, 1998
Assignee for Mortgage

-19-26-02-09

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy L. Meyers (original mortgagors) to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 24, 1999, and recorded on July 6, 1999 in Liber 485 on Page 256 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated July 9, 1999, which was recorded on August 10, 1999, in Liber 487 on Page 602 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Seven and 08/100 dollars (\$53,167.08), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 14, Block 5, Karen Woods Subdivision, and commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 16, Block 5, Karen Woods thence East on said Lot line 22 feet thence South parallel with said Lot 82.5 feet thence West 22 feet thence North on said Lot line 82.5 feet to the point of beginning according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 44 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002
For information, please call:
Team S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200233544
Team S

-19-26-02-09-16

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott Michels a married man and Kim Michels his wife (original mortgagors) to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2001, and recorded on November 7, 2001 in Liber 0559 on Page 167 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine and 34/100 dollars (\$70,429.34), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Northeasterly one-half of Lots 11 and 12, Block 13, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002
For information, please call:
Team S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200219390
Team S

-26-02-09-16

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl D. Reid, a married man and Joann

Reid, his wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 1998, and recorded on December 29, 1998 in Liber 470 on Page 537 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated October 2, 1999, which was recorded on March 7, 2000, in Liber 502 on Page 536 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One and 16/100 dollars (\$42,151.16), including interest at 7.150% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 9, Pine Grove Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. According to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 58, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002
For information, please call:
Team J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200234122
Team J

-26-02-09-16-23

STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 02-5792-CH

Anthony J. Ballingash and
Ruth M. Ballingash, Plaintiffs
v

William H. Parker and
Tonya L. Parker, Defendants
Notice of Land Contract Foreclosure
by Sale

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 16th day of July, 2002, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 31st day of January, 2003 at 10:00, in the forenoon, the following described property located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit:

The West 4.94 acres of the East 15 acres of the North 30 acres of Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

Dated: December 9, 2002
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.
By: William L. Carey (P31602)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Box 665
Grayling, Michigan 49738
989-348-5232

-19-26-02-09-16-23

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Valerie Spicer and Lawrence Spicer, Wife and Husband (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 3, 2001, and recorded on August 9, 2001 in Liber 0548 on Page 261 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine and 54/100 dollars (\$28,009.54), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 12, 2002
For information, please call:
Team J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200232654
Team J

-12-19-26-02-09

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jayson S. Weiser, a married man and Michelle R. Weiser, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2001, and recorded on August 16, 2001 in Liber 549 on Page 641 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Nine and 67/100 dollars (\$166,509.67), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 21, Town 27 North, Range 3 West; thence South 01 degree 13 minutes West, 2652.96 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes West, 1303.59 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 01 degree 06 minutes 35 seconds East, 275 feet; thence North 74 degrees 15 minutes 11 seconds 35 seconds East, 275 feet; thence North 74 degrees 15 seconds East, 75 feet; thence South 25 degrees 16 minutes 19 seconds West, 381.60 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes West 350 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 12, 2002
For information, please call:
Team X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200232413
Team X

-12-19-26-02-09

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Denise M. English, a single woman and David L. Demara, a married man to Source One Mortgage Services Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1995, and recorded on October 9, 1995, in Liber 401, on page 164, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, by an assignment dated February 1, 1999, and recorded on April 26, 1999, in Liber 479, on Page 585, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$36,895.00), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the Court Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on January 8, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, excepting 33 feet off the West side for road purposes. (Tax #20-041-025-004-120-00).

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 22, 2002
GMAC Mortgage Corporation
Mortgagee
Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
30300 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 222
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

-05-12-19-26-02

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith A. Miller and Silvana E. Miller, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Centex Home Equity Corporation, mortgagee, dated January 28, 2000 and recorded March 2, 2000 in Liber 502, Page 342, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two and 32/100 Dollars (\$55,262.32) including interest at the rate of 11.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the

mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Lot 4, Block 4 "Martha M. Brink's Addition" according to the plat thereof, being part of Lot 4, Block 4, Martha M. Brink's Addition, excepting the East 50.5 feet thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002
Orlans Associates PC
Attorneys for Centex Home
Equity Corporation, As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 195.0212

-26-02-09-16-23

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Smith and Bonnie M. Smith husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 1993, and recorded on November 17, 1993 in Liber 369 on Page 69 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Fifty-Five and 19/100 dollars (\$43,055.19), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3 and 4, Block 6, Martha M. Brinks 2nd Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002
For information, please call:
Team C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200233284
Team C

-26-02-09-16

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deborah K. Corbin and Rick V. Corbin, wife and husband, to Bank One, N.A., mortgagee, dated April 28, 2000 and recorded June 6, 2000 in Liber 0509, Page 202, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$13,904.67) including interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 17, 18 and 19, Plat of Northern Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 27 of Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002
Orlans Associates PC
Attorneys for Bank One, N.A.
As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 224.0507

-26-02-09-16-23

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE 2003

Township Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
Zoning Board of Appeals meets the 3rd Monday of each month.
Planning Commission meets the last Tuesday of each month.

All regularly scheduled meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Grayling Township Hall Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way unless a change is posted.

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION 500 HURON STREET P.O. BOX 648 GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

2003 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE HELD AT THE ROAD COMMISSION OFFICE 10:00 A.M.

January 2, 2003
January 16, 2003
January 30, 2003
February 13, 2003
February 27, 2003
March 13, 2003
March 27, 2003
April 10, 2003
April 24, 2003
May 8, 2003
May 22, 2003
June 5, 2003
June 19, 2003

July 3, 2003
July 17, 2003
July 31, 2003
August 14, 2003
August 28, 2003
September 11, 2003
September 25, 2003
October 9, 2003
October 23, 2003
November 6, 2003
November 20

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago January 3, 1980

The Grayling Rotary Club has pledged \$650 to the ambulance fund in Crawford County in memory of Clyde Borchers.

The drawing for door prizes given during the Grayling Mercantile's Pre-Christmas Sale was held last week. Curt Jansen, Downtown Merchants Association President, drew the names of the lucky winners which included William Jack Millikin, Keith Hudson, Heidi Morrill and Pearl Tucker.

Senior guard Karen Hanson, who led the Viking cage squad to a 7-14 record this season, was named Saturday to the Detroit Free Press honorable mention team. Karen, who starred both offensively and defensively for this year's team, was recently a first team selection on the Michigan Huron Shores basketball squad. She averaged 15 points per game and led the team in assists.

William E. Hartig of Grayling received a Letter of Appreciation from the U.S. Navy. At the present time Bill is on a five months Mediterranean Cruise aboard the U.S.S. Savannah which will take him to several different countries.

"The Night of January

Sixteenth" an explosive courtroom drama, will be presented by the Grayling High School Players on January 12 and 13. Cast members include Sue Prause, John Watkins, Alicia Taylor, Tim Taylor, Ronda Morford, Steve Kucharek, Larry Goodale, Pam York, Mark Hamilton, Gussy Konopnicki, Robert Kesteloot, George Morse, Paula Dosch, Shelia Burpee and John Gardiner.

Grayling High's unbeaten Viking cage squad will try to keep its streak alive when it travels to Rogers City to face the Hurons. Grayling is clinging to a one game lead in the league race over Gaylord.

Airman William C. Bye of Frederic, has been named outstanding squadron airman of the quarter at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri.

46 Years Ago January 3, 1957

A new survey of retail business activity in Crawford County reveals increased earnings and freer spending on the part of the public.

The Grayling Sportsman's Club has purchased 40 acres of property next to the Winter Sports Park. It is expected that work will start soon with the

cutting of timber for the new clubhouse. The club expects to make a community park and recreation center with a large picnic area, play ground, shooting range for skeet and trap, archery range and tournament casting pond.

Ne officers to be installed at the next meeting of the Kiwanis Club include Joseph Stripe, J. Lorne Douglas, Dr. E. Elmore Henig, Arthur Goodrich, W. Donald Wood and Richard DuBois.

Connie Lou Millikin of Beaver Creek placed third in the Snow Bowl Queen contest at Houghton Lake High School last Saturday.

The City of Grayling named the winners of the Christmas lighting contest. Winning the residential prize was Harry Krumrei. Rochette Brothers Shell Service won in the business class.

69 Years Ago January 4, 1934

New Year's Day is generally known as the Frenchmen's holiday and is the occasion for much celebration. One French family enjoyed the day together, that of Mr. and Mrs. David LaMotte.

A nice crowd was at hand and enjoyed the dance at the Temple Theatre last Saturday. These parties are continuing weekly on Saturday nights.

The new 1934 Buick is on

display at the Schoonover Garage. Come and see it.

This year's candidates for the Winter Sports Carnival Queen include Lucille Larson, Estella Larson, Lula Malonen, Elna Mae Sorenson, Muriel DeLaMater, Pauline Lietz, Nadine McNeven, Helen Brady, Elaine McDonnell, Thelma Chappel, Beverly Schiabe, Matilda Engel, Ruth Chamberlain-Ward, Virginia Kraus, Zonella Wells, Jennie Lee Raymond, Reva Burke, and Florence Kellogg.

The decorating committee for the Queen's Ball are asking Grayling families to save their Christmas trees. The trees will be picked up on January 3, and will be used for decorating the Queen's Ball in the school gymnasium.

January 1st saw a high temperature of 16 degrees, and 14 inches of snow on the ground.

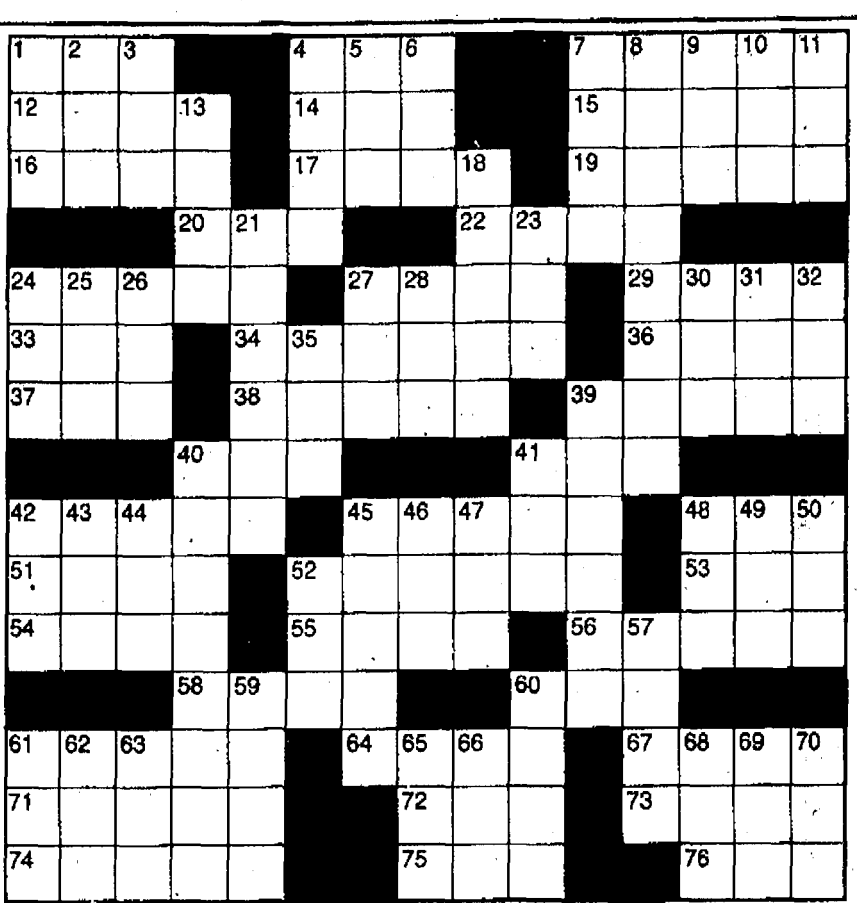
92 Years Ago January 5, 1911

The township board have accepted the resignation of John F. Hum as Supervisor. Adelbert Taylor has been appointed to fill the unexpired term.

G.L. Alexander has the interior of his office refurbished where it was injured by fire.

Sheriff Amidon was moving out of the jail residence and Sheriff Elect Benedict is moving in the first of the week.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

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- Kith's Partner
- Capricious
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- snail's pace (2 wds.)
- Uncanny
- Raise children
- Three make up a tsp.
- Sound from Mary's pet
- Sheep
- Will-o'-the-_____
- Like smiling eyes
- Very sharp
- Hasty flights
- Shallow skillet
- It might be hidden
- Exile isle
- Dollar bill
- Thrust forward
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- Chained item in a bank
- Cookie, to Alexander
- Derides
- Surmise
- Cherry seed
- One of "The Three Sisters"
- Symbol
- Shakespearean confusion
- Blemish
- Suggestive
- Provide money for
- Biting flavor

- Pilot's heading: abbr.
- Many are mined in Australia
- Sundance's Place
- Author Caleb
- Rent out again
- and caboodle
- It comes before jerk or socks
- Model-plane wood
- Yoko _____
- Sneezy's pal

DOWN

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- Flamenco shout
- Travel term
- Porter's "Kiss Me" girl
- "Baby, _____ Cold Outside"
- Siesta
- Donald's toe connectors
- Without defenses
- High dudgeon
- Mamma _____
- Hardened, as concrete
- Raw metals
- Stockholmer
- Minke and sei, e.g.
- Once _____ blue moon (2 wds.)
- Jim, Japan
- Director Howard
- Between Harry and Jack
- Author Follett

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



RECIPE OF THE WEEK CaliforniaCling Peach Sorbet

2 cans (15 oz. each) California Cling Peaches, in light syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla

At least 24 hours in advance, place unopened cans of peaches in freezer to freeze solid (can may bulge slightly). Remove cans from freezer; submerge in hot water for 30 to 60 seconds. Open cans and pour any thawed syrup into a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Remove frozen peaches from can, cut into chunks

and place in food processor. Add vanilla. Process until smooth, scraping blade as needed. Serve immediately or spoon into freezer container, cover, and freeze until ready to serve.

Helpful Hints

- Sorbet can be made in advance and stored in a tightly sealed container. Simply let stand at room temperature for 10 minutes before serving.
- Unopened cans of fruit may stay in freezer up to one year.

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

DID YOU KNOW

Ebenezer is a Hebrew term meaning stone of help.

HIDDEN PICTURE

Color in each space that contains a letter.

Adopt a Pet

Bob appears to be mostly yellow lab, someone has docked his tail though. He is 1 1/2 to 2 years old and very friendly. Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal_director@yahoo.com.

The response to our latest fund-raisers has been wonderful: Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly are big hits! We have sold out of the Ocean-Opoly game, but a few of the others are still available. These games are fun while being educational and make great gifts, or to just chase away cabin fever. Cost is \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. and at the Avalanche office. "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy. The support of this community has allowed for many upgrades at the shelter in 2002. Stay tuned for details!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 2, 2003

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19
The color green plays a significant role in your life this week. It could signal a financial windfall or a jealous friend.

ARIES
March 21-April 19
Red is everywhere at work, reminding you to be cautious. Pay attention to areas you would normally overlook and take your time working out the details of a project.

CANCER
June 22-July 22
Shades of blue soothe you as you sort through a difficult dilemma. Be patient and the answer will come.

LIBRA
September 23-October 22
Black is the key to resolving a problem that has been building for quite some time. You will need to use every resource available to resolve it.

AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18
Something teal reminds you of a special occasion. Invite some friends over and celebrate the event over dinner.

TAURUS
April 20-May 20
Purple provokes passion and richness in your life. Share them with a friend who is feeling down.

LEO
July 23-August 22
You receive something pink that pleases your senses. Express your appreciation and return the favor when least expected.

VIRGO
October 23-November 21
Orange is the spice of life. Add touches of it to your surroundings, and you'll be feeling re-energized in no time.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21
White reveals all. Someone you thought was a friend is not, who friends you were counting on to help you at home make other plans.

PISCES
February 19-March 20
Shades of brown surround you. Take them not as you want to see them but as they really are—signs that you should make changes in your life.

GEMINI
May 21-June 21
Yellow, the color of cheer, is lacking in a young friend's life. Find out what is wrong and help them resolve the problem. Then go out and celebrate.

SCORPIO
August 23-September 22
Your life is full of gray areas—you can't seem to make up mind about anything. Focus on one issue at a time, do some research and make an informed decision.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
12/24	24	15	1
12/25	27	17	
12/26	27	24	
12/27	34	14	
12/28	35	19	
12/29	38	19	
12/30	35	28	trace

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 30	High 25	High 24	High 29	High 30	High 29
Low 14	Low 9	Low 10	Low 18	Low 14	Low 11
Rain/Freezing Rain/Wind	Rain	Rain/Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Light Snow

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.30 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.40 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

NINE APARTMENTS and Living Quarters and four nice motel units with Jacuzzi's. \$40,000 down. Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

1. Real Estate

ONE ACRE, PARTIALLY CLEARED, driveway, 1/2 mile south on Chase Bridge Road. \$7,000. Call (906) 643-8387. (-19-26-2-9/1)

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

IN SHERWOOD FOREST Home for sale. Five bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Kitchen, dining, living and rec rooms, metal roof, new septic field, newer furnace, and wood burner, refrigerator, washer/dryer. Call Helena Gasser (989) 348-7330. (-2/1)

SALE BY OWNER COMMERCIAL BUILDING on I-75 Bus. Loop, 1750 sq. ft., HVAC, 220 3 phase, 2 restrooms. Presently a restaurant. Call 517-422-4681

New Home near Lake Margrethe 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Dining room Front & Rear Decks, 1,536 Sq. Feet, Lot 100 x 200 \$98,500 989-348-7038

1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (-12-19-26-2/1)

1. Real Estate

LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

1. Real Estate

1998 16 X 80 three bedroom, two bath. \$13,800 Delivery available. (231) 947-6381 (-2/1)

2. For Rent

OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE for rental, 1,200 sq. ft., immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02tf/2)

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT No pets. Old 27 north, Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (8/22/02tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME Inquire at Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (10/10/02tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent, no pets. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park, I-75 Business Loop North. (11/21/02tf/2)

NICE TWO BEDROOM HOME Gas heat on five acres, located five miles from town. Close to river. \$450 per month and deposit, will lease. Call (989) 348-5428. (12/12/02tf/2)

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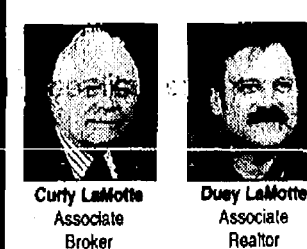
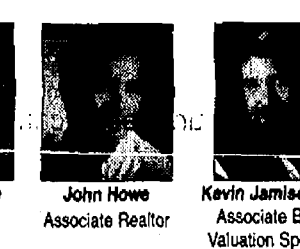
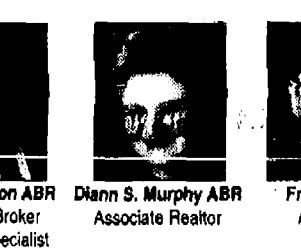
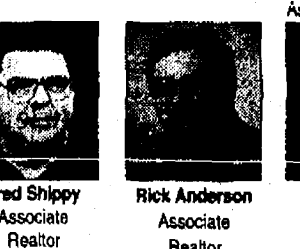
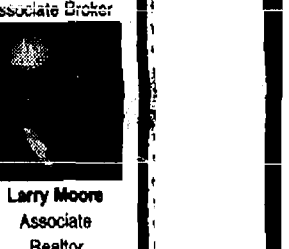
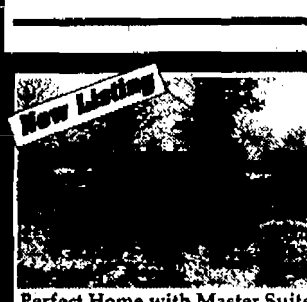
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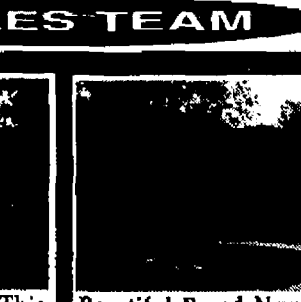
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Perfect Home with Master Suite!
The perfect home! 3 BR, 2 baths, large master bedroom with walk-in bath and large closets. 24' x 24' finished, attached and heated garage. All on 2.5 acres and only 3.5 miles from Grayling, includes propane credit. \$109,000 #224684



Nice Family Home! This home needs some TLC, but will be a great family home. 3 bedrooms, nice and roomy. Close to town and golf course. \$98,900 #20018



Beautiful Brand New Home! New home with country charm. Has all the extras and is ready to move right into. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a 24x20 garage, and landscaped lot. \$89,000 #221850



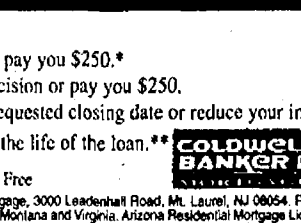
Nice Home for Rental! A nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath rental. Has had some renters for several years. Needs some work, to be sold "as is." \$16,000 #221641



Chalet on Black Forest/Wilderness Valley Golf Course! Beautiful 3BR, 1 3/4 bath chalet on hill overlooking the 14th hole of Wilderness Valley Golf Course. Enjoy the scenery from the deck while the kids play in the pool! Walk-out finished basement and fireplace, all on 2.5 acres! \$178,500 #221341



Cozy Chalet on 2.2 Acres! Very cozy & charming 2BR, 1 bath chalet with only 1/4 mile from Lake Mankia in nice neighborhood. Never kitchen & appliances, including dishwasher. Satellite dish stays. French doors onto front & back decks with gas line hookup on back for outdoor grill. \$116,000 #220616



Energy-Efficient Home in City! Enjoy the convenience of town living. This energy-efficient 3BR, 2 bath home has been well-cared for. New roof in 1998, painted inside & out in 2000 & 2001 and never vinyl in kitchen and baths. Fenced-in back yard with extensive decking and patio with benches. Lots of storage throughout and a black-top driveway. \$95,000 #220784



Mobile Home on 2.5 Acres! Very affordable 2 BR, 1 bath home with 2.5 acres. Just minutes away from the Ausable and South Branch. Could be used as year-round, rental, or weekend get-away. \$36,900 #220431



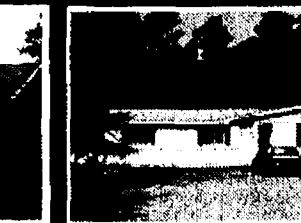
Nice Home for Family! Just 5 miles from Roscommon, this 3BR, 1 bath home is just off a major paved road. Close to state land and Kirtland College, great for a family. No plumbing or furnace in home. \$33,500 #220100



NEW LISTING
3 Acres of Snowmobile Country! 3 acres with a large area to choose from for a building site. State land close by, excellent area for the snowmobiler. \$14,900 #224735



5.70 Acres With Building Site! 5.7 acres of partially rolling hardwoods with open land for horses. Land Contract Terms available and adjoining parcels also for sale. Seller is licensed Real Estate Broker. \$19,000 #13907



10 Acres of Beautiful Hardwoods! "Hunt and Camp" on this beautiful 10 acre parcel that is all hardwoods. Small building/shed on property. 5th wheel is negotiable. \$25,500 #224444



10 Acres of Beautiful Hardwoods! 10 acres of beautiful hardwoods. Perfect spot for hunting and camping, small out house on property. \$29,900 #224240



10 Acre Parcels with Land Contract Available! Nice 10 acre parcels with state land only 1/4 mile away. A great spot for a cabin, home, or just a camping site. Lots of deer in the area and 90% wooded. Land Contract Possible. Prices from \$28,900 to \$29,900 #222624-222637

80 Acres/Hunting Property! A great parcel for the out of doors type. State land on 3 sides. Snowmobile trails close by. Lots of deer, grouse and turkey in the area. Power at the east side of the parcel. Seller is licensed real estate agent. \$139,900 #13681



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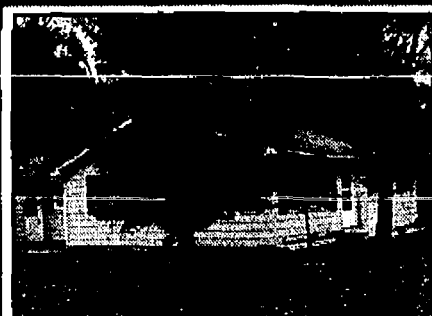


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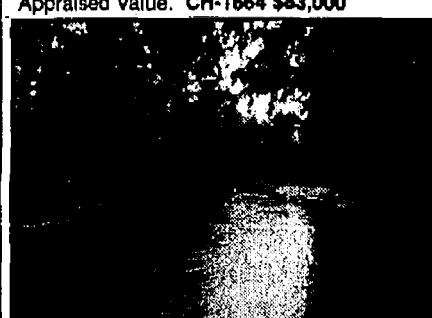
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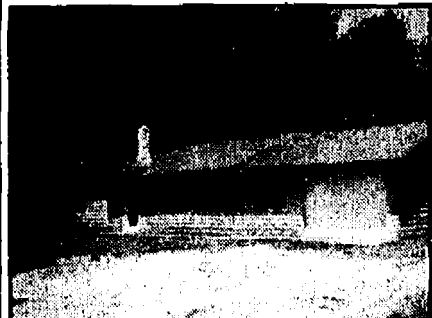
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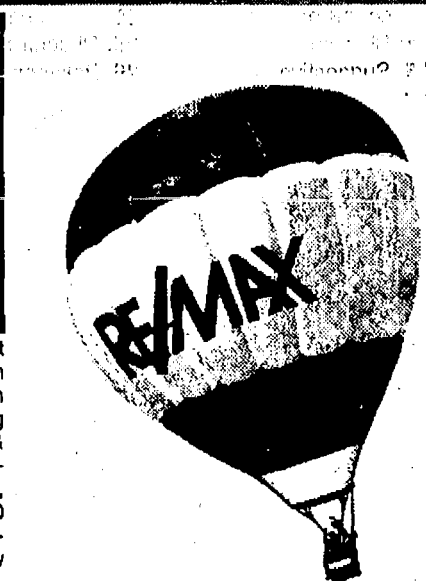
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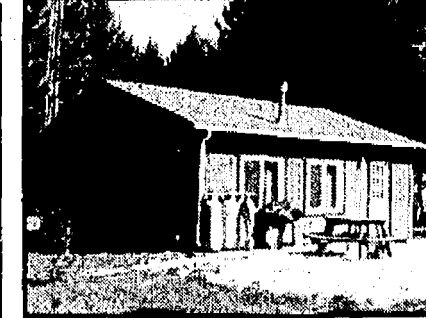
CLOSE TO AUSABLE RIVER, STATE LAND AND TRAILS. Recently renovated. Half log siding and steel roof. 1,824 s.f., 4 bedroom home located on blacktop county maintained road. New well, kitchen, appliances, windows, interior, and furnace. Spotless condition offering immediate possession. Priced Below Appraised Value. CH-1653 \$85,000



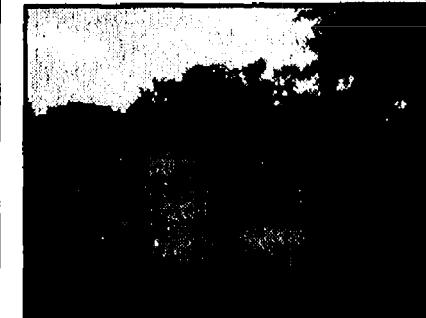
LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS cedar sided 1,400 s.f. Home, 3 B/R, 2 baths, master B/R suite w/walk-in wardrobe and entertainment center. Vaulted knotty pine beamed ceiling in great room. Kitchen has custom hickory cabinets and ceramic tile flooring and counter tops. Two doorways onto brick patio, split rail fence w/brick pillars, landscaped yard w/sprinkling system. Brick sidewalk, and planters. To include dishwasher, garbage disposal, micro, stove, and refrigerator. CH-1376 \$139,900



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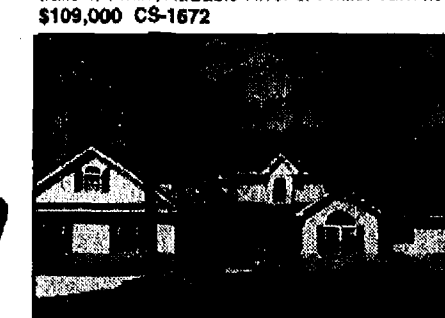
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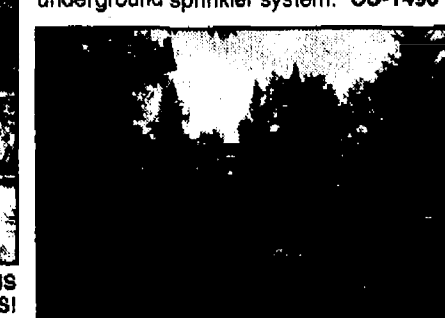
THIS 2 BEDROOM, one bath home offers 1,176 sq. ft. Large kitchen and dining room combination. Kitchen offers lots of cabinets. Large utility room with storage. 2 car detached garage with cement patio & Apron. 15.5 x 8 enclosed porch and 10 x 30 covered porch. Convenient to shopping, schools, churches, etc. Bank selling as is condition with \$3,000 floor allowance! CS-1629 \$54,900



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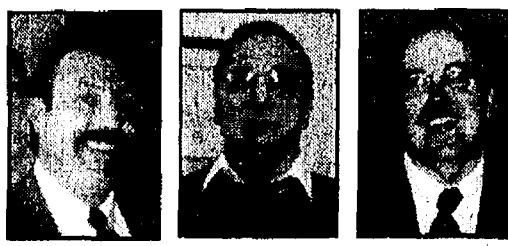


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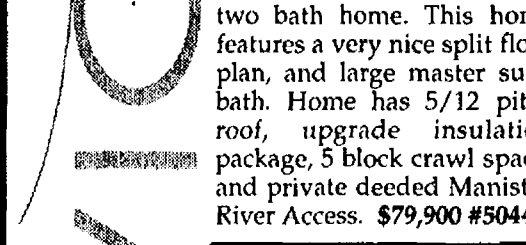


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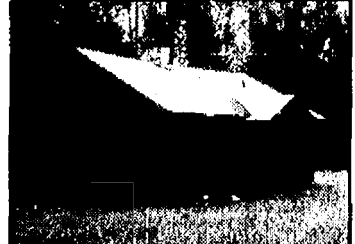
A very spacious home situated on a nicely landscaped 5 acre parcel on a county maintained road. The home includes a full, finished basement that could provide additional bedrooms. Home offers two large garages, three baths, a wood burning fireplace and a freestanding fireplace, garden area, and much more. \$199,000 #5050



Remodeled!!! Three bedroom home, very nice inside and out, attached single garage, 110 x 202 parcel, paved maintained road. Very attractive and quiet location, only minutes to town. \$83,500 #5064



Older mobile home has a 8 x 12 addition. Property is located in the quaint village of Frederic within walking distance of all the shopping and nightlife the Village of Frederic has to offer. \$12,900 #4926



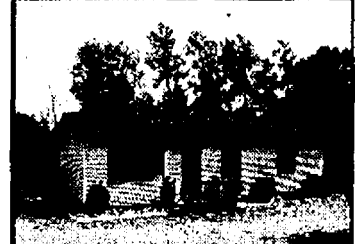
Remodeled Ranch!! Three bedroom home has open floor plan - Very roomy! Home includes all major appliances; full basement; has many new improvements, and is located on almost an acres lot. Property is on a paved, maintained road, very attractive location. Vacant lot next door is also available. \$72,900 #5019



This home has a lot to offer Full basement, three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, garage, fenced yard, landscaping, deck, garden area, close to paved bike trails, and located only one mile from town, and close to Hanson Hills Recreation Area. \$82,900 #4948



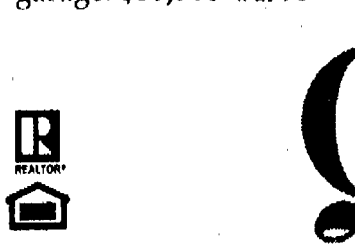
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1. A bachelors degree with a course study emphasis in solid waste management and/or environmental engineering or regulation, or,
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Some computer experience will be beneficial. Compensation package will include paid vacation, health insurance benefits and retirement options. Salary will be based on knowledge and experience. Interested candidates should send their resume to the Crawford County Controller, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. The deadline for consideration is Tuesday at 3:00pm 1/07/03. Crawford County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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The Crawford County Road Commission is seeking candidates for the position of an Administrative Clerk.

Applicant should have as a minimum, three years of administrative support experience where use of a personal computer to prepare correspondence, reports, or to enter/retrieve/update information was an essential part of the work. Two years of professional experience in carrying out or auditing the systematic classification and evaluation of accounting data and the preparation of related financial and managerial reports.

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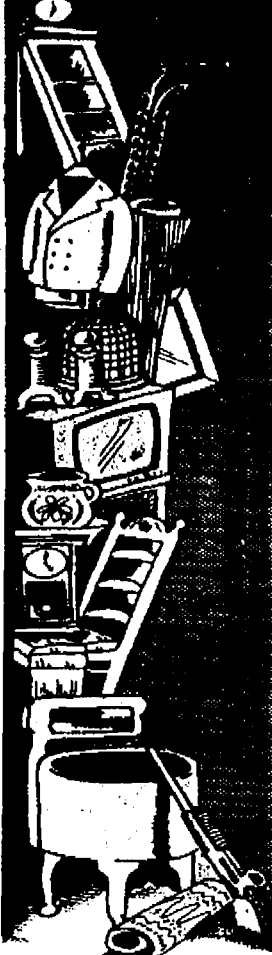
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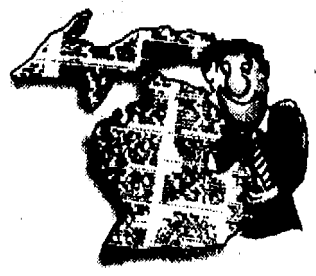
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V6, power windows and doors, CD/Cassette, real nice! #19287-1
Was \$13,488
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2001 CHEVY MONTE CARLO SS**
Wow! Flame Red with power moon roof and lots of goodies! This one won't be here long! #19342-1
Was \$19,988
Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2001 PONTIAC SUNFIRE**
2 Dr., Red with power sunroof! Auto., air, spoiler, really sharp! #4728-1
Was \$11,988
Blowout Price \$10,488 Not a Mistake!
- 2000 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX SE**
Sporty & Red, very nice and clean!
Was \$14,988
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2001 SATURN SL1**
4 dr., auto with air. Only 8,000 miles.
#4856
Was \$13,988
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2003 PONTIAC VIBE**
Auto, air, CD, power options. Satellite Silver, only 10,000 miles! A lot less than new! #4944
Was \$17,988
Blowout Price \$16,488 Not a Mistake!
- 2000 BUICK REGAL**
GS, Top of the line, leather, sunroof, a beautiful car!
#19193-1
Was \$14,988
Blowout Price \$13,488 Not a Mistake!
- 1998 BUICK PARK AVENUE**
Beautiful white luxury car with all the bells & whistles! Very clean! A real bargain! #19145-1
Was \$15,988
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1999 CADILLAC DEVILLE D'ELEGANCE**
Awesome white diamond with chrome wheels. In great condition and priced like a Chevrolet. #19758-1
Was \$17,988
Blowout Price \$15,988 Not a Mistake!

Clean Cars Under \$10,000

- 1995 PLYMOUTH NEON**
Great car for the price!
#19270-1
Was \$3,988
Blowout Price \$2,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1995 CADILLAC CONQUERS**
Leather and loaded! Clean and standing tall!
#19390-2
Was \$8,988
Blowout Price \$7,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1997 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS SUPREME**
Very nice with only 55,000 miles!
#19357-2
Was \$9,988
Blowout Price \$7,488 Not a Mistake!
- 1998 CHEVY LUMINA**
LS, only 35,000 miles and clean! New tires, fully equipped!
#19419-1
Was \$9,988
Blowout Price \$8,488 Not a Mistake!
- 1998 DODGE NEON**
Auto. with air, CD, power windows and locks! Great fuel economy! #18890-1
Was \$6,988
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1993 CADILLAC DEVILLE**
Very nice, clean, not worn out by any means!
#19465-1
Was \$6,988
Blowout Price \$5,488 Not a Mistake!
- 1999 DODGE NEON**
Highline 4 DR., auto, air, power options, really nice!
#19419-1
Was \$6,988
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1997 OLDS AURORA**
Nice car in good shape! Has a few miles, but priced right! #19123-2
Was \$8,988
Blowout Price \$7,488 Not a Mistake!
- 1998 FORD TAURUS**
GL, loaded with options, clean and nice! Has some miles, but the price shows it! #19457-1
Was \$6,988
Blowout Price \$4,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1996 BUICK REGAL**
Nice used car with lots of quality driving left in it. #4855-1
Was \$6,488
Blowout Price \$4,988 Not a Mistake!

Clean Cars Under \$10,000 Cont.

- 1999 SATURN WAGON SW1**
Auto. with air! Very clean! Must See! Great Gas Mileage! #4882
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Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1999 PONTIAC SUNFIRE**
4 dr., only 40,000 miles! Clean and Sharp! Red! Worry Free 4 mo./4,000 warranty! #19263-1
Was \$12,988
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1998 BUICK LESABRE**
Custom, popular "Sandrift" color, very nice and sharp! #19138-2
Was \$10,988
Blowout Price \$9,488 Not a Mistake!
- 1997 DODGE STRATUS ES**
V6, automatic, A/C, loaded! Great Car!
#19267-1
Was \$5,988
Blowout Price \$4,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1997 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS**
LS, loaded and clean as they come! Don't snooze on this one! #4885-1
Was \$9,988
Blowout Price \$8,988 Not a Mistake!

Next to New Trucks, Vans, SUV's

- 1997 CHEVY K1500**
Full size pickup, 4x4, V8, nice truck.
#19387-1
Was \$12,988
Blowout Price \$10,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1996 CHEVROLET K1500 EXT. CAB 4X4**
Sportlike, V8, Very Nice!
Lots of eye appeal! #4973
Was \$14,988
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2000 FORD RANGER SUPERCAB 4X4**
V-6, XLT, Flareside! Clean and nice!
#4937
Was \$14,988
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**
Really nice new body style! Sleeps 5 people, winter! #19241-1
Was \$19,988
Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2000 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4**
New body style with leather! Rear air, loaded!
Only 28,000 miles! #4896
Was \$31,988
Blowout Price \$28,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2000 CHEVY SILVERADO REG. CAB**
2 Wheel Drive, Auto. with air! V-6 with only 10,000 miles! #4899
Was \$17,988
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1999 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4X4**
LT with leather! Loaded to the max!
35,000 miles! #4718
Was \$27,988
Blowout Price \$24,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1998 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT**
Ext. Wheel base, leather, very clean!
#4923
Was \$12,988
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1999 DODGE RAM**
Quad Cab, V-8, SLT, fully equipped!
#19467-1
Was \$12,988
Blowout Price \$10,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2001 DODGE DURANGO 4X4**
Fully equipped, low miles, 3 seats, running boards, all there! #4902
Was \$24,988
Blowout Price \$21,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1999 CHEVY SUBURBAN**
4x4, neat as a pin, all of the seats, this one won't last! #19241-1
Was \$22,988
Blowout Price \$20,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1998 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER SE**
Fully equipped, only 65,000 miles. These are \$30,000 brand new!
#19311-1
Was \$11,988
Blowout Price \$10,488 Not a Mistake!
- 2000 FORD WINDSTAR**
SE package, fully equipped, very clean, low, low payment! #15107-1
Was \$13,988
Blowout Price \$12,488 Not a Mistake!
- 2001 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR.**
4x4, LS Trim with 3rd row of seats! Very comfortably equipped with only 16,000 miles! #4940
Was \$30,988
Blowout Price \$28,988 Not a Mistake!

Next to New Trucks, Vans, SUV's Cont.

- 1999 GMC SONOMA EXT. CAB 4X4**
SLS, fully equipped, very clean and sharp!
#4918
Was \$15,988
Blowout Price \$13,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2001 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4**
271 LT with leather! All of the goodies and only 19,000 miles! #19479-1
Was \$25,988
Blowout Price \$23,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1999 S-10 EXT. CAB**
2 Wheel drive, 3rd door, auto., air, LS, lift, cruise! A great little truck for a little bit of money! #4825
Was \$13,988
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2000 CHEVY BLAZER LT**
4 Dr., 4x4, Leather, Sunroof, Two-Tone paint! Beautiful! #19317-1
Was \$16,488
Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1998 FORD EXPLORER**
2 dr., 4x4, Sport Model! Loaded with leather! Very nice, very clean! #19067-1
Was \$13,988
Blowout Price \$12,488 Not a Mistake!
- 2000 GMC YUKON 4X4**
New body style, SLT, leather, power roof, running boards, 3rd row seating! Sweet! #4931
Was \$27,988
Blowout Price \$25,488 Not a Mistake!
- 2000 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE GLS**
With leather, only 28,000 miles!
Loaded with goodies! #4847
Was \$22,988
Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1998 JEEP WRANGLER**
Sahara top of the line! 5 spd., air, hardtop, 2 tops, very nice! Worry Free Warranty! #19407-1
Was \$15,988
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2000 PONTIAC MONTANA**
Lots of extras and only 30,000 miles! These are \$25,000 brand new! #4969
Was \$14,988
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!
- 2000 CADILLAC ESCALADE**
WOW! What a sweet truck! Aspen white with neutral leather, top shelf! #4990
Was \$33,988
Blowout Price \$31,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1997 CHEVY K2500 3/4 TON 4X4**
Ext. Cab, Nice truck and ready for winter! Only 53,000 miles! #19521-1
Was \$16,988
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

Clean Trucks, SUV's and Vans under \$10,000

- 1995 CHEVY C1500**
2 Wheel drive, V6, slick! Decent Truck! Only 75,000 miles! #19543-1
Was \$5,988
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1995 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**
6 cyl. Nice Ready for winter!
#19180-3
Was \$9,988
Blowout Price \$8,488 Not a Mistake!
- 1997 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4**
4 dr., nicely equipped, only 70,000 miles!
#19262-1
Was \$11,988
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1996 FORD WINDSTAR MINIVAN**
Nice van with lots of family driving left for a little price! #19512-1
Was \$8,988
Blowout Price \$6,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1999 DODGE DURANGO**
4x4 SLT, 3 seats, fully equipped! V8, very clean. Has a few miles but what a bargain! #19356-1
Was \$11,988
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1995 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4**
2 Dr., nice looking 4x4 sport utility, ready for winter!
#19210-2
Was \$8,988
Blowout Price \$6,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1999 CHEVY S10 REGULAR CAB**
2 wheel drive, manual with air, LS, lots of options! Only 35,000 miles! #4863
Was \$11,988
Blowout Price \$8,988 Not a Mistake!
- 1995 CHEVROLET C1500 EXT. CAB**
2 Wheel Drive, V-8, Neat as a pin, fully equipped.
#19263-1
Was \$12,988
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

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